

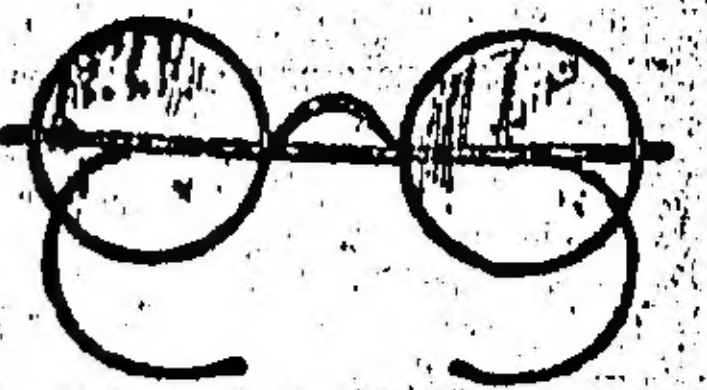
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To-day

(March 21.)

Crickets.—Division I.: Graig-
gower C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.),
Civil Service v. Royal Artillery
(L.), Navy v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.),
Division II.: Hong Kong C.C. v.
R.A.S.C. (L.), Indian R.C. v.
Craigsgower C.C. (L.), University
v. Kowloon C.C. (L.).

Fencing.—Hong Kong Fencing
Club Tournament, 3.30 p.m.

Hockey.—Caird Clark Cup, Re-
creio v. St. Andrew's.

Queen's Theatre: "Love in the
Rough."

World Theatre: "Bon Hut."

Star Theatre: "Student Prince."

Central Theatre: "Fashions in
Love."

European Mail.—Outward:
Europe via Suez (Suva Maru), 9
a.m.

Sunday

(March 22.)

8th in Lent.

Special Services, St. John's
Cathedral: 11 a.m. "Buddha or
Christ?" by Rev. G. K. Carpenter;
9.30 a.m. "Is Christian Morality
Final?" by Rev. H. V. Koop.

Queen's Theatre: "Madame
Satan."

World Theatre: "Story of Movie-
land" (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Special Deli-
very."

Central Theatre: "The Love
Doctor."

Monday

(March 23.)

St. Joseph's College, Prize-giving
ceremony, 3 p.m.

Po Leung Kuk Foundation Stone
Laying Ceremony, 3 p.m.

Rugger: Army v. Navy, Sookun-
poo, 6 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Madame
Satan."

World Theatre: "Story of Movie-
land" (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Special Deli-
very."

Central Theatre: "The Love
Doctor."

Tuesday

(March 24.)

Trevelyan Trophy (Bi-annual com-
petition).

Lecture: "Progress Conditioned
By Law and Commerce," by Father
F. Byrne, S. J. Union Assembly
Room, The University, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Madame
Satan."

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in the waters of long, lonely
rivers, loitering over plains or rush-
ing through deep, narrow gorges,
and abides in the hearts of more
than 2,000,000 reticent, cautious,
hard-working people.

Macedonia is something not rigid-
ly defined. Its heart is in the south
central part of the Balkan Penin-
sula, but what two persons would
agree as to how far its peripheries
extend? It is washed by at least
one sea, the Aegean; it has one
fine port, Saloniki or Thessalonika,
one of the most beautiful lakes in
eastern Europe, half a dozen fairly
large cities, some fruitful plains,
vast, dreary, rocky expanses, some
fine forests and a few remarkable
mineral baths. It is situated in
Bulgaria, Greece, Yugoslavia and
Albania.

And by whom is it inhabited? If
you ask the people who live there
they will say Macedonians. But
is the Macedonian a Serb, or a
Bulgarian, or an Albanian, or a
Greek, or a Roumanian, or a Jew,
or a gypsy?

If you should go to Bucharest,
the capital of Roumania, you would
find hundreds of the most loyal
Roumanians there who call them-
selves Macedonians and take pride
in the name. They have come,
they declare, from the heart of
which their forefathers, the ancient
Romans, were once the lords and
masters.

If you should go to Tirana, the
capital of Albania, you would
meet thousands of the most stal-
wart and patriotic Albanians, who
would tell you they are Macedo-
nians, the children of the original
Balkan race which dominated the
whole western part of the Balkan
Peninsula before it was invaded
by Greeks and Romans and Slavs.

And if you should go to Athens,
again you would find multitudes of
the purest Greeks from Macedonia,
who with great animation would
tell you that that land was the
classical home of Greek glory, the
birthplace of the famous Philip the
Macedonian, and his more illustrious

son, Alexander the Great, an un-
questionable Greek heritage from
time immemorial.

And if you should go to Bel-
grade you would find Macedonian
professors and merchants and
ministers of state who would sing
you old Macedonian songs that
every Serbian child knows of the
glorious Serbian epoch of five cen-
turies ago when Macedonia was
the home and the capital of the
greatest king in Serbian history,
who left the land as an inalienable
patrimony to Serbia or Yugoslavia.

And in Sofia you would find that
more than two-fifths of the popula-
tion are Macedonians. Bankers,
scholars, editors, national repre-
sentatives, a prime minister, army
officers and many storekeepers are
from Macedonia. They are or-
ganized in scores of societies and
they tell all visitors to Bulgaria
that most of the inhabitants of
Macedonia are Bulgarians by
nationality; that it is the cradle of
the Bulgarian spirit, the source of
the Bulgarian spiritual and intel-
lectual renaissance, the fortress of
old Bulgarian kings and a pre-
sently Bulgarian land.

Macedonia is the most confusing
tangle in the skein of Europe's
history. The amalgamating fires of
the centuries have never been able
to fuse the different racial groups
and traditions of this land. Alex-
ander left something Greek in it
which has always remained. Paul
came and left Christianity, which
has endured through every sort of
persecution. The Romans left a
dialect of their language in the
Macedonian mountains and no in-
vasion of conquerors has been able
to exterminate or assimilate it.

Thousands of people in Macedo-
nia still speak a language similar
to that used here before the
Parthenon was raised or Troy fell.
The Turks established Muham-
madanism in Macedonia, and five
times daily the call to prayer
echoes from many minarets. The
Slavs settled in these valleys more
than a millennium ago and they
still dominate the country. These
elements have never been dissolved
or mingled in the river of time.
So, of course, Macedonia is a
land of fear, caution and suspicion.
It has been a country of extreme
racial individualism. Each nation-
ality has relied on its own re-
sources. A large creative, all-
embracing social atmosphere has
never existed. Racial groups have
been rivals and potential enemies
rather than partners.

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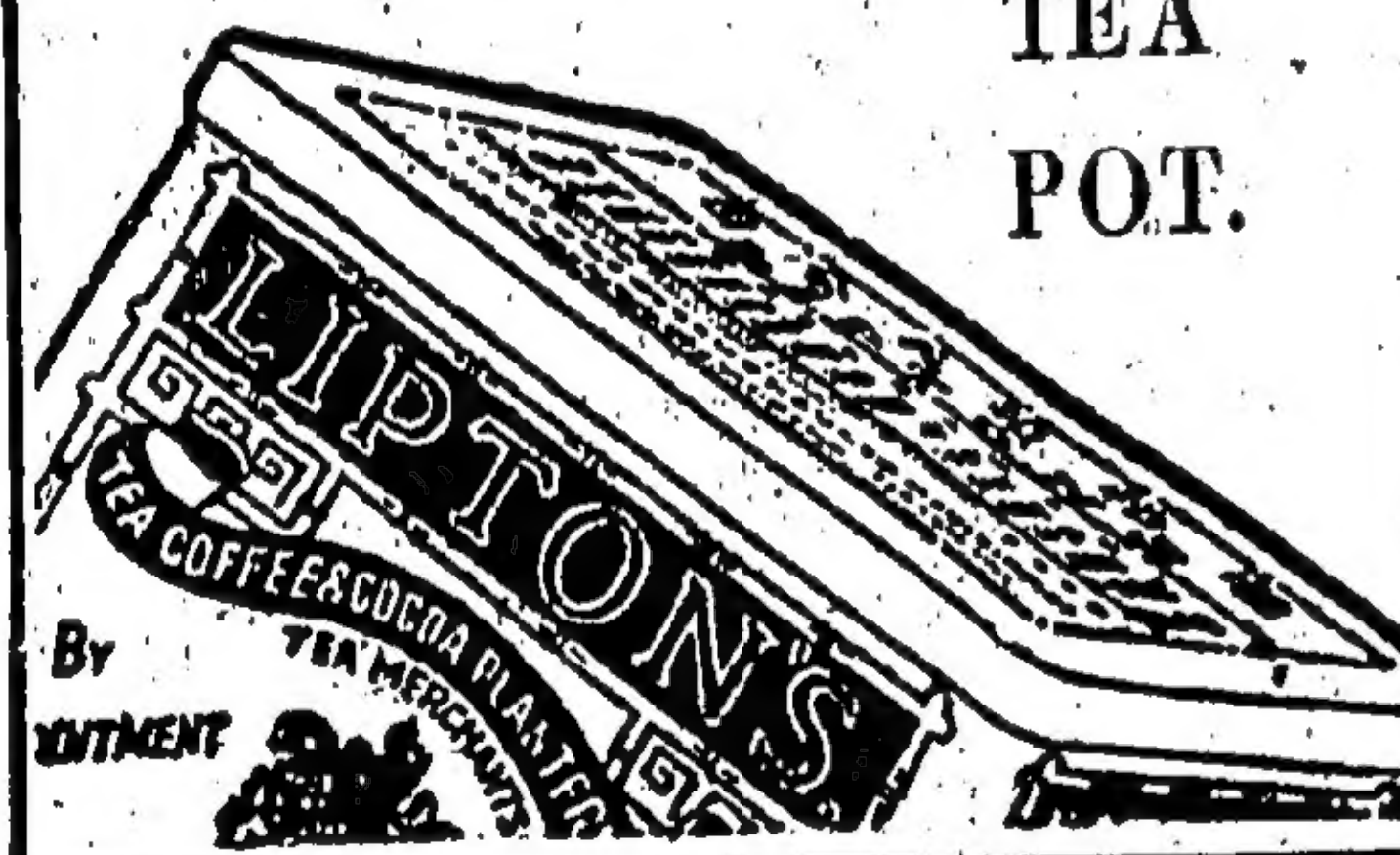
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN HONG KONG.

COAL COSTS AND THE LOAD.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR INCREASING CONSUMPTION.

[BY AN ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENT.]

The report of the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., reminds us of the growth, in all parts of the world, in the demand for electricity.

In Hong Kong, according to Dr. Arthur H. Preece, M.I.E.E., the London Consulting Engineer to the local company, the average sales per month have been—

1918 about 650,000 units
1923 " 1,300,000 "
1925 " 2,000,000 "

Some Shanghai Figures.

Even more remarkable are the corresponding figures for Shanghai. The Shanghai Power Company has recently supplied the writer with the following data. The average monthly sales have been—

1901 about 48,000 units
1911 " 700,000 "
1921 " 17,000,000 "
1931 " 50,000,000 "

Below is given an interesting table with other figures which show the astonishing growth of the demand for electricity in Shanghai—

Year.	Kilowatts connected.	Generating plant installed.	Units accounted for.	Tons consumed.	Maximum load during year.
1901	634 K.W.	500 K.W.	508,660	4,850	250
1911	9,349 "	6,000 "	8,300,437	20,436	3,900
1921	79,130 "	84,000 "	204,863,044	25,354	26,907
1931	225,000 "	161,000 "	600,000,000	55,000	122,000

It is noticeable, in the above table, that although nearly three times as many units were sold in 1931 as in 1921 the coal used was only about twice as much for the increased load as it was in 1921.

In Shanghai (according to Dr. Arthur Preece in the Hong Kong University Engineering Journal, June, 1930) out of a total annual expenditure (including interest, depreciation and other fixed charges) of about 30 cents (Hong Kong) per unit the costs are—

Generation 48%
Distribution 8%
Management, etc. 8%
Depreciation 18%
Interest 18%

100%

It is of interest to note that the cost of fuel alone was about 60 per cent. of the generating costs, or equivalent to some 40 per cent. of the local costs. That, of course, explains why at the recent meeting of the shareholders of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., there was expressed some anxiety concerning the low rate of exchange. For fuel, in this Colony, is purchased in the equivalent of gold.

In Shanghai the quantity of coal consumed per unit has fallen from 6.0 lbs. per unit in 1909 to 3.0 lbs. per unit in 1919 and 1.9 lbs. per unit in 1929.

Thus, as a result of improvements in equipment, and also because it is more economical in fuel consumption to generate large, instead of small, quantities of electricity, the coal used per unit had diminished to one-third the amount required nineteen years previously.

Fair Criticism.

Years ago, the Hong Kong Electric Co., for years (about 1900-14) had a not very efficient installation. An article on the subject, appeared in this journal, that article caused a considerable flutter. Not only those financially interested but officials of the local Government made enquiries concerning the criticism contained in that article. It was fair criticism, but it was resented by the management at that time. It led to reforms. The writer of the article, in reply to enquiries, suggested that it was essential to obtain expert advice, if the system for the supply of electricity for this Colony was to be made as modern as it ought to be. He named the well-known consulting engineers who were soon afterwards appointed and who have since acted in that capacity.

An immediate result of their appointment was the proposal for the Power Station at North Point. The carrying out of the new proposals, the economies effected, and the resulting fall in local prices of electricity, justified the criticism in the *Daily Press*, which led to such desirable results.

Today it can be stated that there are few more efficient Power Stations in the world than that on Hong Kong island; it is doubtful whether any public utility company in the Far East is better managed than is the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.

The Problem of Fuel.

When Mr. Taggart and Mr. W. E. Smith spoke at the recent meeting about the suggestion made by

the Chairman that the Directors might have to revise prices, it was obvious that they hoped that there would be no such move.

It is a difficult problem. One cannot help having sympathy with the management in this difficulty. The enormous increase, owing to exchange, in the cost of coal is certainly very serious.

On the other hand, increased prices will certainly affect the load. In this respect it is fair to suggest that the local management might well consider new ideas for the possibilities of stimulating increased consumption.

Why not hire out radiators and cookers and other appliances at low prices, as they do in Shanghai. Can something unusual be done to encourage consumers to put in freezing plants in their homes? Why not charge so much a month for such plants—which are automatic—and do away with meters, etc. It sounds revolutionary, but these ideas are worth exploring. In some parts of the world they have a

monthly tariff for electricity graded on the size of the house. You can use as much current as you like (for domestic purposes) and you pay just the same.

That, of course, is a simple system but is probably only really practicable when "white coal" is the source of energy.

In any case we can be confident that the management of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., will be alive to all new ideas and will explore every avenue to secure an increased load and economy.

CONVERSION OF BALL HYDRANTS.

SOLUTION OF AN OLD PROBLEM.

[FROM A LONDON CORRESPONDENT.]

It is now generally agreed that the ordinary ball hydrant for water mains is an obsolete and unsatisfactory contrivance, and for more than a quarter of a century past many attempts have been made to invent a method of converting the existing hydrants to a more efficient system on the valve principle. What is primarily required is the replacement of the ball in some cheap and reliable manner, thus retaining all the rest of the existing equipment, the scrapping of which would be a costly item.

The problem has now at last been solved by Glenfield and Kennedy Ltd. of Kilmarnock (Scotland), in the shape of their new patent all hydrant conversion element. On the most ingenious lines the existing valveless covered wooden ball is merely replaced by an egg-shaped device made in two halves, the top part being hemispherical and separated from the lower by a strong phosphor bronze spring.

The diameter is the same as the original ball, and when in the closed position the upper portion closes the aperture like the ball, being pressed tightly on to its seat by the spring thereby forming a valve. To open the hydrant all upper portion is merely forced down by a depressing rod of the standpipe against the compression of the spring, thus uncovering the full area of the aperture, whilst as soon as the rod is released the spring again closes off the water.

This invention, now being placed on the market, fulfills the ideal of ball hydrant conversion in the shape of low cost, easy fitting without removing the hydrant from the water main, and simplicity, so that nothing can go wrong, and all existing accessories, such as hose joint and screw keys, can still be used without any alteration. Obviously also a valve device of this kind, operating quite independently of the water pressure, has the primary advantage that all street drainage, sewer gas, snow, and dirt generally, cannot get into the mains when they are empty. Further, the design includes wedge shaped projections on the lower half which bind firmly on to the body lug of the hydrant, as well as stops to prevent rotation, while the spherical surface of the upper or ball half is tinned all over to prevent sticking to the rubber joint.

THE KWANGTUNG CEMENT FACTORY.

DETAILS OF COST AND PRODUCING POWER.

On December 15, the corner stone of the big Kwangtung Government Cement Plant was laid with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of General Chan Ming Shu (Chairman of the Provincial Yuan), Mr. Tang Ying Wen (Commissioner of Reconstruction), and other high government officials. Over 500 invited guests attended the celebration. The following official description of the enterprises handed to each guest is translated from the Chinese—

In the beginning of 1928, the Ministry of Railways sent a representative to arrange with the Kwangtung Government, to build a modern cement factory in order to meet the demand for the construction of Canton-Hankow Railway.

As a result of this conference, Construction Commissioner, Mah Tsao Chin, was instructed by the Provincial Authorities to raise the funds and complete the factory in 22 months. The estimate of cost, amounting to Hong Kong \$1,035,420, was approved by the Kwangtung Government and the Central Bank in Canton invited to advance the amount to be repaid by the Bureau of Finance by monthly instalments of \$100,000 each.

It was decided that the plant, having a capacity of producing 1,500 barrels daily, should be bought from F. L. Smith & Company of Copenhagen, Denmark. The agreement, signed in March 1929, provided that the machinery was to be paid for in monthly instalments. In May of the same year, Wang Tsao Chang, was appointed to take charge of the preparatory office.

The estimate of \$1,035,420 was apportioned as follows—\$600,000 for machinery, \$70,000 for administrative expenses, \$14,000 for travelling and inspection expenses, purchase of factory site, \$5,000, construction expense, \$320,400. The purchase of factory site at Ping Sze, \$80,000, incidental expenses, \$70,000, transportation expenses in Hong Kong, \$30,000, installation expenses, \$30,000, construction of godowns, \$80,000 running expenses, \$80,000.

At first the cement factory was considered as a public industrial enterprise and was therefore exempted from paying import duty on its machinery, so duty was not included in the estimate. Afterwards, however, the Ministry of Finance ordered that, with the exception of all military supplies, all commodities must pay duty, and \$100,000 was set aside by the provincial authorities for this charge.

The Factory Site.

The site of the factory was originally planned to be at Ip-Tuck-Pah-Shah-Chu, but as this was found unsuitable, it was changed to a location at Sze Dau Kong, near Shitan, with the river in front and the Canton-Hankow Railway at the back, providing transportation facilities either by land or water with Canton. The factory site covers more than 120 mu of land.

Construction.

In the autumn of 1929, after Commissioner Tang assumed charge of the work and he appointed Tung Huang Nui to supervise the construction, and the installation of machinery. If nothing extraordinary happens, by next summer the whole plant will be installed.

Some of the Details.

- (1) To adopt "Wet" Process.
- (2) Electric Power to be used: Capacity: 1,500 kilowatts.
- (3) All machinery ordered from F. L. Smith & Co., Copenhagen.
- (4) Length of Oven: 82 M. x 3 M. Burning 200 tons of clay per day.
- (5) Yearly Output: 60,000 tons or 413,400,000 barrels of cement.
- (6) About 100,000 tons of lime stone used yearly.
- (7) About 20,000 tons of clay used yearly.
- (8) About 23,000 tons of coal used yearly.
- (9) About 2,000 tons of gypsum used yearly.
- (10) The value of the factory, including machinery and buildings is about \$3,000,000.
- (11) Lime stone comes from Ip-Tuck Hsien (District).
- (12) Clay comes from the river bed of Siao Pei-Kiang, near the factory.
- (13) The factory employs direct about 600 workmen specially for transporting in the engineering room, packing, to get clay and lime stone and for other river transportation for raw materials.

ring and there is no obstruction to the passage of the water.

In this manner all existing ball hydrants can therefore be rapidly converted in simple fashion to a modern valve type of apparatus by merely replacing the ball, and it is not surprising therefore the new invention is already in great demand.

BRASSEY'S NAVAL ANNUAL.

THE WORLD'S MERCHANT AND NAVAL FLEETS.

BRASSEY'S NAVAL AND SHIPPING ANNUAL, 1931. Edited by COMMANDER CHARLES N. BOBINSON, R.N., and H. M. ROSS, (Clowes, 23s. net.)

The publication of "Brassey" is always an event in the naval year. The issue for 1931 appears under the same editorship as before, and is published by Messrs. Clowes and Sons, who have been associated with the work since it first appeared in 1886. The contributors include such authorities as Sir William Berry, late Director of Naval Construction, Sir Robert Haddfield, who writes on modern developments in special steels, Sir Charles Sanders, the Chairman of the Lord Line Committee, and Mr. R. A. Watson Watt, of the Radio Research Station, Slough. By permission of their respective Governments, too, officers in the United States, Italy, and Germany write on maritime progress in those countries.

The volume of warship work in hand is less than in the previous year because of reductions and postponements in view of the London Naval Treaty, and the fear is expressed that if this state of things continues, and is unaccompanied by cuts in foreign programmes, alarm will be engendered which may culminate in a panic. The resultant efforts would be wasteful and far less satisfactory than if construction and design had proceeded steadily and regularly. Captain Altham, R.N., in his review of Foreign Navies, regards the present position as bad enough, but remarks that consideration of the efforts which continue to be made by foreign Powers, especially in the narrow waters of the Mediterranean, to increase their navies, particularly as regards torpedo craft and submarines, can only lead to the conclusion that the balance of sea power is rapidly changing to our detriment.

Merchant Fleets.

The standing of the world's merchant fleets is discussed by Mr. J. P. Taylor, who notes the relatively high efficiency of the British mercantile marine. While it comprises less than 30 per cent. of the world tonnage, it has nearly 36 per cent. of the more efficient ocean-going tonnage available for general cargo and passenger purposes. While of the tonnage registered in Great Britain and Ireland 84.2 per cent. is under 20 years old, the percentage for the tonnage owned abroad is less than 71. Shipyards were kept going very largely during 1930 with the construction of oil tankers, and it is significant that the proportion of such vessels to the total shipbuilding increased from 20 per cent. on January 1 to 40 per cent. on October 1. As the year progressed without owners showing any marked inclination to order general cargo ships there came a pause which should strengthen the freight market in the event of any revival of trade.

That the market is in need of something of the kind is evident from Mr. Cuthbert Maughan's article on the speculative character of shipping, in which he analyses the principal causes of the low rates of freights operating during 1930.

Motor-ships.

Motor-ships continued to make headway during the past year, and the world's tonnage in this category has about doubled since 1927. In Great Britain it represents 11.1 per cent. of our mercantile fleet, but it is significant that the percentage is much higher in Scandinavian countries—35.3 in Norway, 32.5 in Denmark, and 24.4 in Sweden. Mr. R. J. Butler, in his chapter on mercantile marine machinery, refers to the extensive application of Diesel engines to oil tankers, for which they are very suitable, since these vessels have long uninterrupted runs and obtain their propelling fuel cheaply at the same sources as their cargo.

In September 63 such vessels, including 59 for Norwegian owners, were under construction in Great Britain. Mr. Butler's chapter is an admirable summary of the progress of high-pressure steam, electrical propulsion, exhaust steam turbines, and powdered-coal burning equipments.

Wireless.

An article on wireless position finding by Mr. R. A. Watson Watt is the most exhaustive yet published in the "Annual" on this subject. Various types of direction finders in use by the Navy and the Royal Air Force are described, and the present state of commercially operative position-finding apparatus is summarized. Mr. Watt holds strongly to the opinion that the immediate future of direction finding lies with the Adcock system in its various applications. During the War of 1914-18, a signal officer, F. Adcock, devised a receiving aerial system in which he attempted to eliminate the effects of horizontal electric forces on horizontal parts of the aerial. A patent taken out in 1919 was allowed to lapse, and the invaluable Adcock principle lay dormant until it was taken up by Smith-Rose and Barfield in 1920, and developed into a practical system for reception.

The great progress which is being made in marine aircraft is recognized by the inclusion of two chapters on the subject, one by "Phoenix" on the Fleet Air Arm, and the other by the editor of *Flight* on commercial marine aviation. The former writer describes the organization and working of the Navy's aircraft, but is reticent about the progress made in their employment since the War, while indicating that the problems concerned "have aroused an enthusiasm and a concentration of resources which it would be difficult to exaggerate." The writer on commercial marine aircraft, emphasizes the importance to the flying-boat of the use of rustless steel, with its avoidance of corrosion. In spite of its greater weight as compared with aluminium, rustless steel has become practicable for use in this connection, and the future of the flying-boat is described as very bright indeed.

The Navies.

Now that the London Naval Treaty has been ratified and is in operation as from December 31, 1930, except for Part III., to which France and Italy have not subscribed, the "Annual" may be consulted with profit as to the bearing of this pact on future naval strength. Three writers deal in special articles with its various aspects. Sir William Berry considers its effect upon the designs of capital ships and cruisers, and forecasts that some reduction in designed speed and radius of action may be found desirable in order to increase protection. Lieut. Comdr. A. C. Bell discusses the entirely new strategic problem presented by the need for maintaining a one-Power standard in the light not of a potentially hostile fleet, as in pre-war days, but of a fleet of neutral ships, which, by their presence, protect our food supplies against submarine attack. Captain A. O. Dewar summarizes the provisions of the Treaty in regard to material, and shows what each country may build. His view is that, by partly eliminating the field of international relationships, the Treaty has attained a measure of success.

The German Navy.

For the first time since the War, a German officer, Lieut. Comdr. Norbert von Baumhagen, contributes an article to the "Annual," showing how the German Navy is being rebuilt under the restrictions imposed by the Versailles Treaty. With regard to the new German armoured ship, which on a displacement of 10,000 tons has an 11-in. gun armament, and by means of Diesel engines attains a speed of 20 knots, he admits that this class of ship is naturally more powerful than the Washington cruisers if both are regarded as armoured ships, but holds that it is not in that account logical to consider it as a menace to other Powers. The *Erzatz-Preussen*, he maintains, is a ship of the line, and as such far weaker than those possessed by other countries. An Italian officer, Captain Giuseppe Fortini, deals with the progress of Italy's mercantile marine.

Luxury Liners.

Two chapters of special interest deal with the ocean tourist business and the liner as an hotel. They are in a way unique, and will be found informative by a large number of readers to whom the use of shipping as a means of pleasure or education has hitherto been unknown. The equipment and amenities of the modern liner furnish material for an excellent article, which appeal to the growing number of people who seek health and recreation in a sea voyage, and should interest many others who hardly realize how different such travel is nowadays from what it was a few years ago.

The reference sections of the volume are on the usual adequate scale and serve to make it indispensable to all who are in any way connected with maritime affairs. *Times Engineering Supplement.*

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"LOVE IN THE ROUGH."

One of the first orchestras to play for talking-pictures recordings, Karl Burthett's Biltmore Hotel Band, and its famous radio singing trio, returns to the film fold in "Love in the Rough," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical comedy romance featuring Robert Montgomery.

In the new talkie feature which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, the Biltmore orchestra is seen as well as heard in the clubroom scenes and the trio appears with Montgomery and Miss Jordan in several song numbers. The orchestra made its film debut in "Broadway Melody."

Charles F. (Chuck) Reisner directed the new talkie with the supporting cast including Dorothy Jordan, Benny Rubin, Dorothy McNulty and J. C. Nugent.

"MADAM SATAN."

Of all the various collections owned by Cecil B. De Mille, including old shawls and firearms, one of the most interesting is undoubtedly his file of quips and jokes directed against his use in pictures of bathtubs, showers and other such nuptial devices.

Since he first used a bathroom in "Old Wives for New" and subsequently in "Male and Female," De Mille has been hilariously hailed as the "Bath Tub King" of the Movies. For the amusement of his friends De Mille has carefully saved all jokes about his bathroom.

Of the collection the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer director considers as the piece de resistance, the one which states that "if the contents of all Cecil B. De Mille's bathtubs were emptied at one time, the resulting flood would fill the Yale Bowl."

De Mille is stated to have a glass enclosed shower, in "Madam Satan," his latest, all-talking vehicle, which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre. Reginald Denny and Roland Young get under it with their clothes on in the hope of remedying the effects of what was evidently a rather hectic "night before."

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"THE LOVE DOCTOR."

Fifteen years ago, a budding young man with histrionic ambitions sat in a New York theatre and watched for the tenth time a performance of "The Boomerang," the stage success of the year.

Wallace Eddinger played the lead in the play and it was the youth's ambition to emulate the stage star in "The Boomerang."

That youth was Richard Dix and his dream came true in Hollywood where he has just completed the picturization of the play under the title of "The Love Doctor," which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow.

"The Love Doctor," is the story of a young physician who finds himself in the unique position of prescribing for love ailments, and believing that he is immune from these pesky love germs. But, all too late he finds that he has been ensnared by his own rules for love.

MACEDONIA THE
MYSTERIOUS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

There was no security until a few years ago. Good roads were non-existent. Laws were not enforced. The Turkish administration was poor. Justice and fair play were ideals of which the Macedonian peasants dared not dream. Each community had to be a law unto itself. The windows were all barred. People arose and retired early. Money was put into stockpiles or buried kettles, and not into banks, for no one had faith in society.

Life was simple, meager, puritanical, rigorous. There were almost no papers, not many books and a poor postal system. The news was whispered about the fireplaces of coffee houses and told on market days when people gathered to sell their produce. Rumors rapidly grew into legends and every group related awful things of every other group. Dark towns, barred windows, abominable rituals, crooked streets, vast formidable mountains, yawning, jagged, all tended to give wings to evil reports, so that Macedonia became a land of antagonisms.

Yet it must not be believed that rough mountain life, dingy, stuffy houses, simple habits and isolation from the outside world robbed the Macedonians of excellent human qualities. On the contrary, this struggle for existence and racial individualism has made of them one of the most vigorous, enterprising, self-reliant, persistent peoples in southern Europe. Wherever they go, they fight hard. When they settle in foreign lands they occupy high places. They are an unusually promising people. — Christian Science Monitor.

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Yangtze Conservancy.

In view of the urgent need for the dredging and improvement of the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, a conservancy programme entailing the expenditure of \$25,000,000 for the Wosung-Hankow section of the river has been formulated by the Yangtze River Conservancy Board under the Ministry of Communications. To raise the necessary funds, the levy of a surtax on goods transported to various ports on the Yangtze valley is contemplated.

New Dredge for the Philippines.

The new river dredge for the port of Iloilo, now under construction in the yards of F. Schichau, G.m.b.H., Elbing, Germany, will be completed in about seven months and will be towed to the Philippines by the new customs cutter which is also under construction at the same yards.

The dredge will proceed to Iloilo shortly on its own power. This dredge, unlike the dredger Manila, is not a sea going ship, it was explained at the office of Reither-Akerman Company, local agents of F. Schichau, but it will be able to make the trip to Iloilo unaided.

This is a suction pipe line dredge, which according to specifications, is capable of an hourly output of 300 cubic meters. It is about 42

meters long, 11 meters beam, and 1.40 meters draft. It is to be a steam vessel equipped with oil burners. The ship is to have a speed of nine and one-half miles per hour.

The contract price of this dredge, together with 300 meters of floating pipe and 7,500 meters of land pipe, is \$300,000, delivered at Manila.

Shimonoseki Straits Bridge Project.

The business men of Kyushu are evidently tired of waiting for the Government Railway engineers to solve the problem of providing direct rail connection with the main island by means of the much discussed tunnel under the strait between Shimonoseki and Moji and are now advocating the construction of a bridge.

A group of influential persons in Kyushu, including President Ohtsuga of the Kyushu Tramway Company and President Asah of the Kyushu Hydr-Electricity Co., have proposed a plan to construct a suspension bridge across the Channel and have applied to the Fukuoka Prefectural Government for permission to proceed with the project.

According to the plan, a railway company with a capital of ¥20,000,000, is to be established at Kokura to span the Channel by a bridge to be built between Wakamaki Head on the Shimonoseki side and Hinode on the Moji side,

a distance of 3,000 feet. It is to be 200 feet above the sea-level and to be double-bridged. The upper bridge is for a double track railway and the lower for tramcars and ordinary traffic.

Growth of Unemployed Tonnage.

A big increase in the amount of tonnage idle in the principal ports of Great Britain and Ireland were shown in the Chamber of Shipping's figures for January 1 last. How serious is the amount is indicated by an examination of Lloyd's Daily Index carried out by a firm of British shipowners.

The firm excluded oil tankers, large numbers of which are now unemployed, and counting vessels which were described as laid up or were obviously lying idle, it was found that 1,122 vessels, of nearly 5,000,000 tons gross, were unemployed. This represents about eight per cent. of the total mercantile tonnage of the world, excluding oil tankers. The depression in the oil tanker industry is discussed by Messrs. John J. Jacobs and Co. in their half-yearly review. They point out that the present total tanker tonnage afloat is about 13,000,000 tons deadweight, compared with 7,000,000 tons deadweight in 1922, while the lowest rates for clean vessels from the Gulf of Mexico to the United Kingdom or Continent during the two periods may be put at 10s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. a ton, respectively.

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Harbour Improvements.

Harbour improvement schemes were undertaken during 1930 at a number of Scottish ports. The big extension scheme at Glasgow is now nearing completion, and it is expected that the new dock at Shieldhall will be formally opened this year. The basin itself is completed, but work is still proceeding with the erection of goods sheds and the provision of cranes and other cargo handling appliances. Leith Dock Commissioners are considering a scheme for the erection of a new grain elevator to take the place of that burned down some time ago. At Dundee extensions are being made to the King George V. Wharf, and harbour improvements are being carried out at Aberdeen. With the aid of Government grants harbour improvement schemes have also been undertaken at a number of the smaller Scottish ports.

Scientific Wonders of the Fair.

The latest and most intricate scientific wonders of the world were shown at the British Industries Fair, held this year at Olympia, London, from February 13-27. There were devices for measuring the various degrees of "Whiteness" in white articles, for recording the temperature at a number of scattered points on one indicator, and a lantern projector which can throw a picture on a screen without the necessity of having a dark room. The "interferometer" is a British invention for detecting faults in the very high grade glass used for optical instruments. Britain's pre-eminence in making the world's best quality lenses is partly attributed to this instrument. It is not generally known that the majority of cinema films, including those made in Hollywood, are photographed through lenses designed and made in Great Britain; and are also projected on to the screen through British lenses. Spectacle lenses used in Great Britain used to be imported, mainly from the U.S.A.; at the British Industries Fair this year is one exhibitor who exports eighty per cent. of his lenses to the U.S.A. Other interesting exhibits will be the "Robot eye," which indicates the most imperceptible variations between shades of red, green, blue, or any other colour; and a density meter which records the thickness of cloth and the density of chemicals and metals.

The New Cunard Vessel.

Work on the great new Cunard liner has progressed so rapidly that the builders believe they will be able to launch it in February of next year, instead of in June, as was originally planned. This means that the ship will be ready for her first transatlantic voyage many months before the specified date in the autumn of 1933. Men are working full time on the Clyde during day and night shifts, and makers of the engines and other parts are also hastening their tasks as much as possible. Hundreds of different manufacturers are engaged on these special tasks, each one making one or more parts. The funnels, which are being made by Messrs. Brown, are of enormous size. Not only are the engineering problems of this undertaking immense, but there are many very difficult problems of transport involved in bringing to Clydebank some of the gigantic parts of the vessel. Every night, when ordinary traffic has ceased, strange scenes may be witnessed in the Streets of Glasgow. Gangs of men assisted by specially built motor vehicles may be seen moving engine parts. The stern bracket by which the rudder will be attached to the hull is too large to be moved by road or rail, and has to be brought in a steamer. The rudder, weighing 150 tons, is the largest ever made. It is to be moved from Darlington, the place of manufacture, to Middlesbrough on a Sunday when the railway line is clear of other traffic. There it will be loaded into a steamer, specially prepared, for transport to the Clyde.

Tractors in Central Asia.

The machine and tractor stations in the central region in Central Asia, of which there were thirteen last year, carried out their programme successfully, plowing 187,000 hectares, instead of the 145,000 hectares planned. At present preparations are in progress for establishing 63 new stations there, which will have 3,000 tractors. These machine and tractor stations will 60 per cent. of the entire cotton area of Central Asia. Through the supply of 1,000 mechanics and 300 technicians will be required in this region, about 50 per cent. of whom have already been trained from the ranks of the native population.

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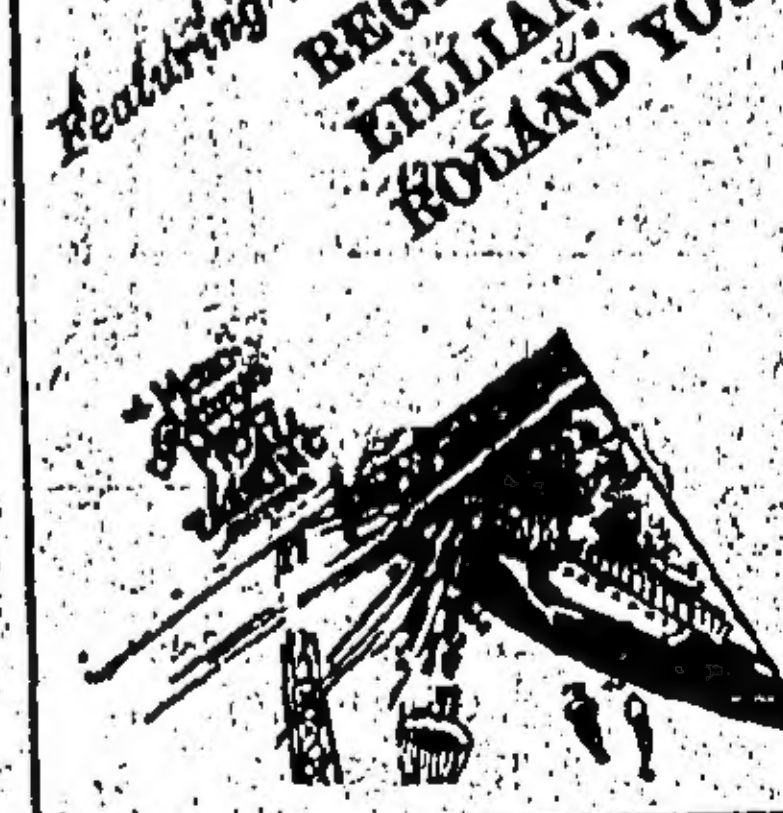
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THE NEW CIVILISATION IN CHINA. SOME LESSONS LEARNED FROM ENGLAND. PROF. MIDDLETON-SMITH'S ADDRESS.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

The first part of Professor Middleton-Smith's address on "The New Civilisation in China," delivered to members of the Arts Association of the University, appeared in our issue of yesterday. Below will be found a further instalment, and the concluding part will be published on Monday.

The Lesson from England.
Less than a century ago an object lesson of scientific development was commenced in the Far East. Hong Kong was made the base of the new civilisation in China. Trade was thrown open to everyone who chose to take part in it.

The Englishman brought, not only his goods, but his dynamic ideas concerning steam power and scientific education.

Out of the growth that has followed remarkable results have come. Exhibits of machinery at work have been seen by the Chinese people, many of whom have carried the new knowledge of applied science to other parts of China.

During the last nineteen years many graduates in Engineering have gone out from the University of Hong Kong. Numbers of other students have seen sufficient to be convinced of the advantage of the new methods. Thousands of Chinese visitors have watched the machines and scientific appliances that our students learn to operate.

Transport is civilisation.

For nearly two centuries, Canton, in Kwangtung province, was the only centre of commerce with Europeans in China.

Just as the tiny stream of foreign trade with Canton has swollen so that it now penetrates all over China, so are these new scientific ideas from Hong Kong, being transplanted to remote parts of the country that contains 400 millions people.

The first necessity of the new civilisation is mechanical transport and a system of rapid communications.

During the first year of the Republic Dr. Sun made an earnest plea for the construction of a 100,000 miles railway network. "Transportation," he said, "is the key to industries, and railways the key to transportation."

After transport the next essential for the new civilisation is the supply of electric power. This is a problem that requires careful planning and the collection of reliable data. There are great possibilities in connection with water power in China.

The huge electric power stations that gather but a fraction of the energy of Niagara come readily to mind. It has been calculated that the water power of Canada alone has been developed now to 15,000,000 horse-power, or energy equivalent to the work of 300,000,000 men.

Interesting as are schemes for water power development, only a small fraction of the machinery used for providing mechanical and electrical energy is driven by water. Nearly all power comes from coal or oil.

The Food Supply.

China is an agricultural nation and cannot otherwise support her vast population. The Chinese farmer and his family struggle from dawn to dusk for a precarious existence. In North America the farmer is raising enough food for himself and ten other people.

Agriculture is the largest industry in the world to-day as it has been in all times. As inventive and creative genius grew, the farmer produced more from the soil and sold his surplus to the cities. The surplus provided him with luxuries and leisure.

If any Chinese Emperor of forty centuries ago visited South China to-day he would find practically no change, but change is essential for modern methods to multiply food production.

Professor O. E. Baker states that only one quarter of the land available for crops in China is under cultivation and that quarter produces only fifty per cent. of the yield of similar crops in the U.S.A. "Even with rice," he says, "Western nations employ mechanical cultivation produce from two to five times as much per acre as China."

You have only to travel a little inland to see that mothers and children work on the soil from dawn to dusk. Why should they carry tons of water and use old and inefficient implements during a lifetime of drudgery, when a small engine or electric motor will do the work more quickly?

In England, already, the home on the farm has all modern comforts. Labour-saving devices are employed. Electric light and power is everywhere available. Radio provides news of the world and entertainment. The motor car has made social life easy.

In a material sense, the mass of humanity in England to-day is much better off than in any other period of history. Before the utilisation of fuel as a power producer, Englishmen travelled on muddy highways and in fragile wooden ships. The people were slaves of infinite infections. They lived in heatless and lightless houses. News travelled at the rate of a horse's gallop, usually much more slowly.

Today there are swift cars on concrete roads, armies of workers fighting disease, knowledge on all subjects available almost for asking, words tossed by air or wire across seas and continents.

A Chinese Critic.

The new civilisation in China is a creation for which scientists are responsible. We have no reasons to be apologetic. The literature of pessimism, which tells us that the triumphs of applied science have caused individuality to disappear and beauty to wither, leaves me unaffected and entirely unashamed, for it is false.

If these writers had been life in China, as some of us have seen it, they would not deplore the new civilisation.

Listen to a Chinese writer of distinction. Hu Shih He says:—"A civilisation to be worthy of its name must be built upon material progress. As one of China's statesmen said twenty-six centuries ago, 'When food and clothing are sufficiently provided for, honour and disgrace can be distinguished; and when granaries are full, the people will know good manners.'"

This Chinese writer of to-day continues: "Picture a civilisation where boys and girls and old women with bamboo baskets tied to their backs and with pointed sticks in hand, flock to every dumping place of garbage and search every heap of refuse for a possible torn piece of rag or a half-burnt piece of coal. How can we expect a moral and spiritual civilisation to grow up in such an atmosphere?"

Concerning Unrest and Population.

Many years ago, when the writer first advocated the use of modern methods of production in China, that indefatigable critic, Mr. J. O. P. Bland, did him the honour to challenge in the *North China Daily News*, the claims then made for applied science.

The burden of Mr. Bland's criticism was, roughly, this. China is suffering, not from a lack of Western science, but from an excess of population.

It is scarcely within the province of this address to discuss this pro-

blem of excess population and poverty. It was not solved in China in the past centuries that had no Western science. It can only be solved by a spread of knowledge, and that is impossible without modern methods of communication.

Already we find that the old social system of a large patriarchal establishment is distasteful to the Chinese who have studied Western science.

Any civilisation must be judged by the position of woman. When that test is applied to compare the old civilisation of Asia with that which now exists in the West there can be only one verdict. A respect for and chivalry towards women are pillars upon which the culture of the new civilisation is built.

The machine age will inevitably bring freedom for the women of this country. It will release their minds and bodies from bondage, as already, in many parts of China, it has relieved their feet from the tortures of binding.

We may have differences of opinion about things that cannot be measured. Concerning the problem of health under the new civilisation there can be no arguments. Figures prove.

The span of life in England and Wales has rapidly increased since the introduction of machinery. Full data is available.

From 1838-1854 the average length of life was 40 years. From 1901-1910 it was 49 years. From 1920-1922 it was 55 years.

The resident in England to-day has, on an average, sixteen more years of life than the Englishman of 80 years ago. We are a more healthy race. We can not by taking thought add a cubit to our own stature; but we can, and we have, added inches to the stature of our children. Statistics prove it.

The Answer to Pessimists.

There is a school of the intelligent of Anglo-Saxons who, disgusted with the slums and the social evils of the cities, imagine that the Kingdom of Heaven must be in the East. They constantly assert that the only contribution of the machine age to our civilisation has been a mercenary ambition which has deflected the thoughts of man from lofty aspirations. In Europe and America similar views are expressed.

Some brooding minds in the East, of which Mahatma Gandhi is typical, have made a greater challenge. They tell us that all of this modern industrialism is but a veiled labour and avarice enthroned. They say that no real culture, no proper civilisation, can arise out of the discord created by the works of engineers and inventors. They suggest that behind all this harnessing of steam, and the rushing waters, there are only the malevolent forces of greed and the ruthless exploitation of human souls.

These dreamers picture this world in the long centuries before steam-power. They see it a Garden of Eden, instead of what it then really was for many, a home of slaves. For steam power brought to all the hope, and for millions the reality, of a redemption from the curse of the poverty and overwork.

It is right that we should not regard our present form of civilisation, in which the machine is supreme, as the last word in cultural perfection. It would, however, be absurd to despise the assistance of

mechanical appliances in the struggle to obtain food and leisure. For it is out of leisure, properly utilised, that culture comes.

The machine is not an end in itself. It is a means to provide man with extensions to his own hands and feet and eyes and ears. It is to deliver him from the bondage of the solitary struggle for food. It is to satisfy the irremissible desire to rid his own species of the paralysing curse of drudgery. It is to free him from labour that can be done just as well by steel or coal or oil.

The machine age, the age of accurate measurement, has not diminished, but has stimulated the creative urge that exists in every healthy person. We are no longer satisfied with out relationship with Nature, nor are we content with the old ideas about the social world. The same fierce inquisitiveness that is applied to the movement of the heavenly bodies, or the structure of the atom, makes us analyse our social system and the old dogmas built up when man knew nothing of the unvarying laws of nature.

You who will plan the new cities and the power producing plants in China are at an advantage. You can avoid the blunders made in the development of industrial life in Europe and America. The new civilisation demands imagination, courage, scientific training and invention. Try in China to escape the evils of congestion in slums, ugly buildings, traffic dangers, and the constant friction of industrial relations.

Knowledge is Power.

The provision of leisure by the use of slave labour permitted the ancient Greeks to develop ideas of Beauty, Truth and Goodness. The new civilisation by utilising the forces of Nature to perform work provides leisure, and yet more leisure, so that mankind may cultivate to a greater extent the nobler faculties.

It is essentially a system to substitute mental for physical effort. Not only does it include the elimination of friction from machinery in motion, but it seeks to reduce friction in human relationship. It regards laziness and selfishness as evidence of ignorance; and it realises that ignorance can only be cured by education. To acquire the highest knowledge it is necessary to be relieved of anxiety concerning the necessities of life.

Particularly does it encourage the development of the intellect. It cannot be achieved without creations of the things that make life more beautiful, and a full appreciation of their influence.

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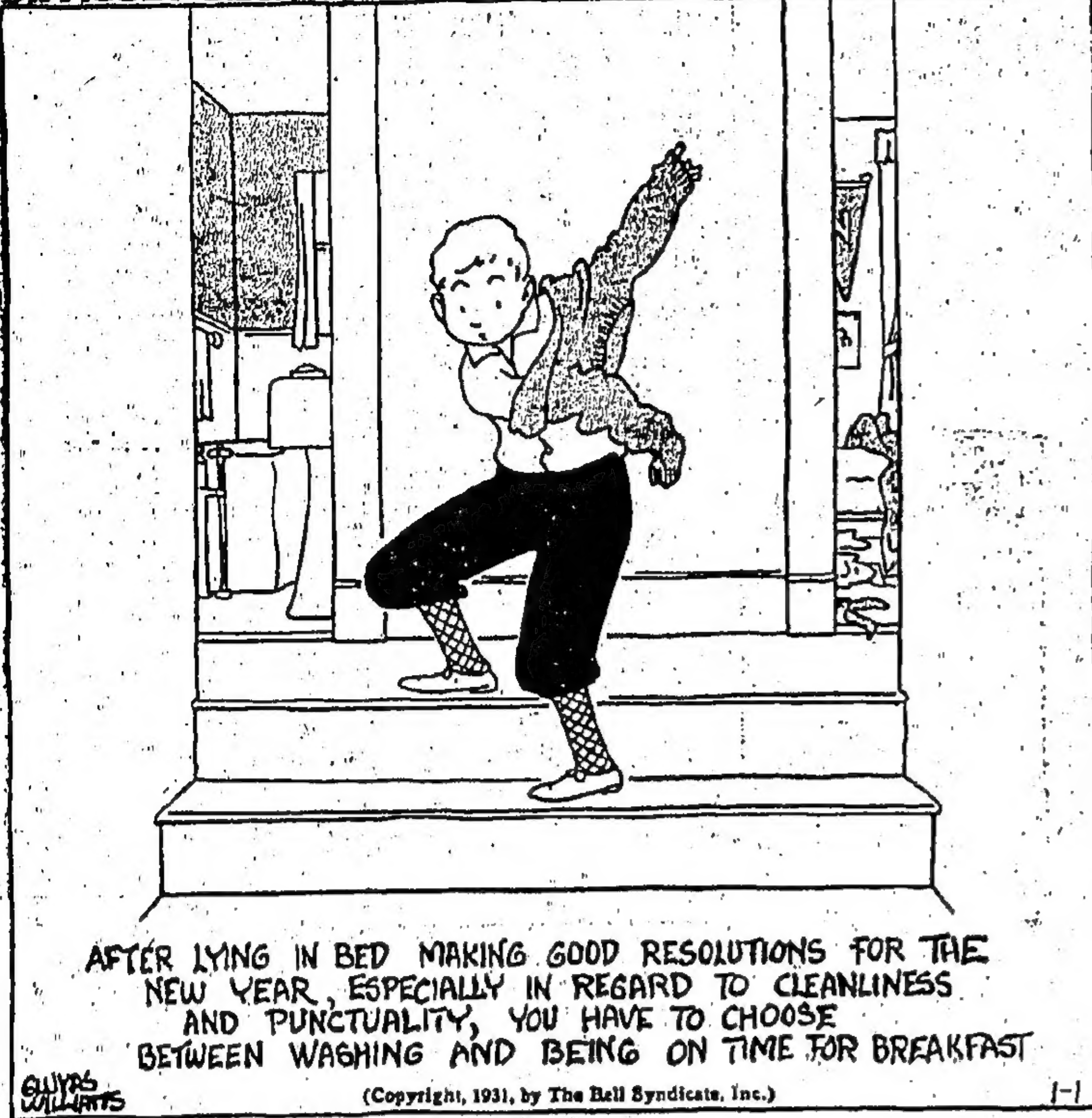
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TERMS—CASH ON DELIVERY.

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DIFFICULT DECISIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



AFTER LYING IN BED MAKING GOOD RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO CLEANLINESS AND PUNCTUALITY, YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WASHING AND BEING ON TIME FOR BREAKFAST

GLUYAS WILLIAMS

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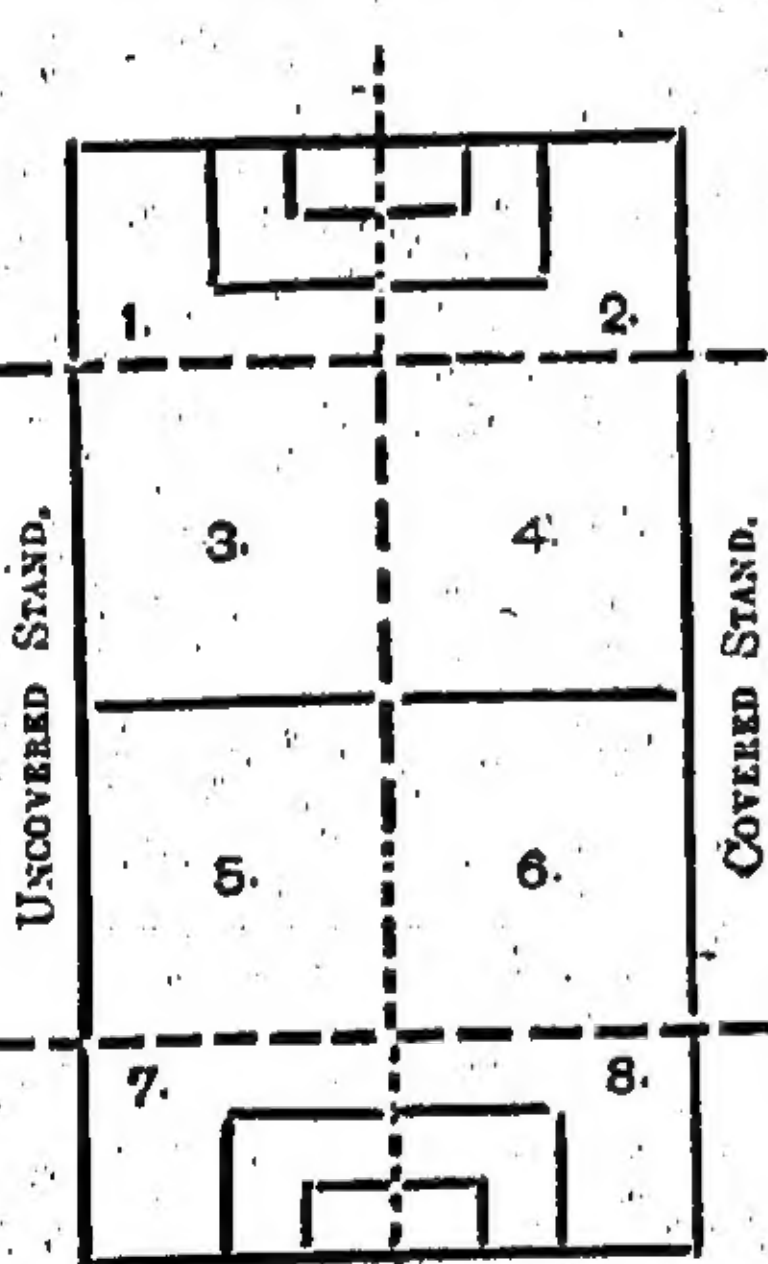
WEEK-END WIRELESS PROGRAMMES.

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COMMENTARY ON FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local time, and Rugby Press news.
2 p.m.—Close down.
4.20 p.m. (approx.)—Running commentary of the football match (Senior Shield semi-final) to be held on the Hong Kong Football Club ground: Kowloon Football Club vs. South China Athletic. By kind permission of the Association and the Hong Kong Football Club.

Plan of Football Field.



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6 to 7 p.m. (approx.)—Chinese programme.
7 to 11.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor records supplied by Messrs. Tang Fook Piano Co.
7 to 7.27 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Sincerity" (Pignatelli, arr. Cibelli).—La Vittoria Orchestra.
"Wedding of the Winds" (Hall, arr. Cibelli).—La Vittoria Orchestra.
"With a Song in My Heart."—Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.
"Body and Soul."—Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.
"Love and Spring" (Waldteufel).—Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.
"Maytime" (Young and Rosenberg).—Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.
7.27 to 7.34 p.m.—Musical Comedy and Talkie Bits.
Gems from "Whoopie."—The Victor Light Opera Company.

Gems from "The New Moon."—The Victor Light Opera Co.
Gems from "Follow Thru."—The Victor Light Opera Group.
Gems from "Holding Everything."—The Victor Light Opera Group.
Gems from "Rio Rita."—The Victor Light Opera Co.
Gems from "My Mary Land."—The Victor Light Opera Co.
7.34 to 8.20 p.m.—

"Iberia—In the Streets and Byways" (Debussy).—Symphony Orchestra.
"Iberia—The Odors of the Night" (Debussy).—Symphony Orchestra.
"Iberia—The Morning of a Fete Day" (Debussy).—Symphony Orchestra.

"L'Isle Joyeuse" (Debussy).—Symphony Orchestra.
6.20 to 6.33 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

"The Old Refrain" (Vienna Popular Song transcribed by Kreisler).—Archer Gibson.
"A Perfect Day" (Carroll Jacobs).—Archer Gibson.
"Prelude in O Minor" (Chopin).—Archer Gibson.
"Largo" (Handel).—Archer Gibson.
6.33 to 9.30 p.m.—

Concert Items.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.
Pianoforte Solo—"Prelude No. 3 and Prelude No. 3" (Debussy).—Alfred Cortot.
Song—"Jock O'Hazeldean."—Mary Gordon (Soprano).
Song—"In the Gloaming."—Mary Gordon (Soprano).
Violin Solo—"Albion Leaf Romance" (Wagner).—Mischa Elman.
Violin Solo—"Tango" (Elman).—Mischa Elman.
Chorus—"Springtime" (Midenberg).—Boys and Girls Chorus of Brooklyn.
Chorus—"The Glow Worm" (Lincke).—Boys and Girls Chorus of Brooklyn.
Pianoforte Solo—"Malgueña" (Lecuona).—Olga Samaroff.
Pianoforte Solo—"The Engulfed Cathedral" (Debussy).—Olga Samaroff.
Song—"The Last Song" (Tosti).—Armand Tokatyan (Tenor).
Song—"Lolita" (Puccini).—Armand Tokatyan (Tenor).
9.30 to 11.30 p.m.—Dance programme.
11.30 p.m.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.—St. John's Cathedral Service.
12.15 p.m.—Chinese programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.
8 to 10 p.m.—European programme of Victor and H.M.V. records supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.
8 to 8.33 p.m.—Organ Solo—"Evensong Song" (Baird).—Harry Goss-Custard.
Choir—"The Heavens are Telling" (Haydn).—The Choir of Temple Church, London.
Boy Soprano—"Hear Ye, Israel" (Mendelssohn).—Master E. Lough.

Organ Solo—"The Sacred Hour" (Ketelbey).—Reginald Foot.
Choir—"Remember Not" (Purcell).—Choir of Canterbury Cathedral.
Boy Soprano—"Hark! Hark! The Lark" (Schubert).—Master E. Lough.
Choir—"Ave Verum" (Elgar).—Westminster Cathedral Choir.
9.25 to 9.30 p.m.—Concerto No. 2 in O Minor" (Rachmaninoff).—Sergei Rachmaninoff, Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.
9.20 to 10 p.m.—

"Trial by Jury" (Gilbert and Sullivan).—recorded in Europe under the direction of Rupert D'Oyly Carte.
"Hark the Hour of Ten is Sounding."—George Baker and Chorus.

"Is This the Court of the Exchequer."—Derek Oldham and Chorus.

"When First My Old Old Love."—Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus.

"All Hail Great Judge."—Chorus.

"For These Kind Words."—Leo Sheffield and Chorus.

"When I, Good Friends."—Leo Sheffield and Chorus.

"Swear Thou the Jury."—Arthur Hosking, George Baker, Derek Oldham, Leo Sheffield and Chorus.

"Where is the Plaintiff?"—Arthur Hosking, George Baker, Winifred Lawson and Chorus of Bridesmaids.

"Oh, Never Never."—Leo Sheffield, Winifred Lawson, George Baker and Chorus.

"May It Please You."—Arthur Hosking, George Baker, Winifred Lawson and Chorus.

"That She is Reeling."—Leo Sheffield, Winifred Lawson, Arthur Hosking and Chorus.

"Oh, Gentlemen Listen."—Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls.

"That Seems a Reasonable Proposition."—Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking and Chorus.

"A Nice Dilemma."—Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking, Derek Oldham, George Baker, Winifred Lawson and Chorus.

"I Love Him."—Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham and Chorus.

"The Question Gentlemen."—Oh Joy Unbounded.—Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking, Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham and Chorus.

"God Save The King."

10 p.m.—Close down.

KIDNAPPING CASE.

SMART SENTENCES AT KOWLOON.

Five Chinese (three men and two women) were yesterday charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court, with a kidnapping offence. It was stated that the first, second and third defendants kidnapped Leung Hat Yee, a five-year-old boy, on March 12, at Shamshuipo. The fourth and fifth defendants were charged with having harboured the child on March 13, at No. 2, San Lau Street, Hung Hom.

Detective-Sergeant Goodwin, outlining the case for the prosecution, said that the first defendant was supposed to be the adopted mother of the complainant. About three weeks ago, the latter came down to Hong Kong from up-country and visited the first defendant at 39, Aplin Street. The first defendant had no room to give the complainant, so she took her to 11, Yee Chau Street, where they got a room. On March 12 the first defendant visited the complainant, and asked her what she would like to eat, and, taking the child, left the house saying she would come back after buying some provisions. She did not return.

About 6.30 the same evening the first defendant's husband came to the complainant's house and asked her if she had seen his wife. Later the complainant and the man went to a house in Tsikotsui, where they found the first defendant but not the child. The first defendant told them that she had met a man, named Tam Fat, in the street and he had taken the child away to buy sweets for him and had never returned.

Police Raid.

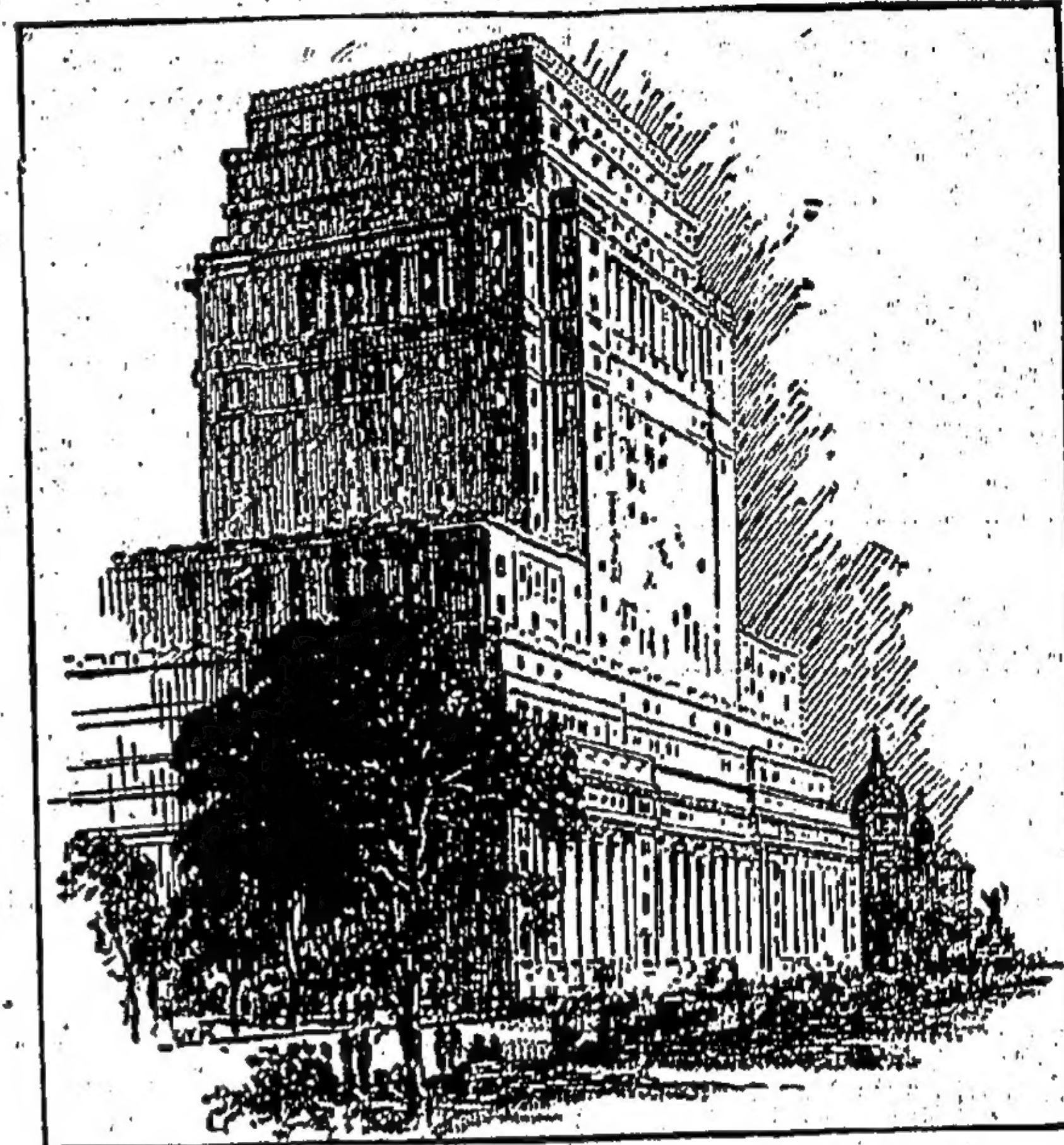
On the evening of March 13, the police received certain information, as the result of which a police party went to 2, San Lau Street, Hung

hom. As they entered the ground floor the second defendant, who was sleeping on a bed with the third defendant, got up and ran away, but was arrested by a detective. The fourth defendant was holding the child, and she and the fifth defendant claimed to be the principal tenants of the floor. The fourth defendant told them that on March 12 the third defendant had rented a bed space and then had gone away to return later with the second defendant and the child. After corroborative evidence had been given by complainant and other witnesses, first defendant, in a statement, said that she admitted taking the child. She took the child to her own house, and later into the street, where she met

second defendant, who asked her for the child, saying that he wanted to buy him some sweets. She allowed him to take the child, but he never returned. Second defendant, in a statement, said that the first defendant was lying. The latter then to him and asked him to sell the child. The Magistrate found the first, second and third defendants guilty and sentenced them to six months' hard labour each. Second defendant, who was last year banished from the Colony, was sentenced to an additional twelve months' hard labour for returning. The fourth and fifth defendants were discharged with a warning.

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1890 \$2,473,000
1900 \$10,486,000
1910 \$38,164,000
1920 \$114,839,000
1930 \$588,733,000

SIXTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

STATEMENT FOR 1930

New Assurances Paid for (net)	\$705,678,000
Assurances in Force (net)	\$2,863,701,000
Total Income (net)	\$186,662,000
Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries in 1930	\$81,274,000
since organization	\$500,949,000
Total Liabilities (including paid up Capital Stock)	\$552,201,000
Surplus and Contingency Reserve	\$36,532,000
Assets, at December 31st, 1930	\$588,733,000

NOTES FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT

In a year in which all classes of business have encountered many difficulties, the Company has made gratifying progress. New policies paid for show an increase of \$51,227,652.32, both the ordinary and group departments making substantial gains. Total assurances in force show an increase of \$462,454,542.58. This gain represents a very high rate of persistency, indicating the high value placed by our policyholders on their contracts with the Company in a period of extreme financial pressure. The number of policies and group assurance certificates outstanding passed the million mark during the year. The total net income shows an increase of \$13,801,544.54. The total payments to policyholders and beneficiaries since organization equal the total assurances in force in the Company's fiftieth year (ten years ago). The mortality among our policyholders has been highly favourable.

The rate of interest earned on the mean invested assets was 6.44 per cent. Profits paid to policyholders during the year amounted to \$25,641,281.04. In a year of almost unprecedented business depression the outstanding quality of the investments has been strikingly shown. The actual cash dividends received on the total common stocks held by the Company were \$969,108.84 in excess of the dividends payable on those identical shares in 1929. Even on the basis of the low prices at the close of the year our common stock holdings show a substantial excess of market value over cost. Profits to policyholders entitled to participate during the ensuing year will be again allotted on the scale at present in operation. The special Maturity Dividend is also continued on the basis announced last year.

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SECOND "EXTRA" RACE MEETING.

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DETAILS OF PROGRAMME.

There are twenty-two races on the card for the second "Extra" Race Meeting which is scheduled to take place on April 4 and 5. The programme consists of eleven races for each day, the first saddling bell being timed for twelve noon each day. Tiffin interval will be between the second and third races.

On both days the sport starts off with a race for the Australians. The new Aggregate Stakes is the ninth race on the first day and will be over six furlongs.

On the first day there is one race over five furlongs, five over six furlongs, three over a mile and two over a mile and a quarter. On the second day there are three races over six furlongs, one over seven furlongs, four over a mile, two over a mile and a quarter and one over a mile and a half.

THE PROGRAMME.

The full programme is as follows:

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th.

1.—Boschill Stakes: One Mile.

For Australian ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 7 lbs. penalty for each race won. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$500; 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$200.

2.—Colonial Stakes: Five Furlongs.

For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

3.—Commonwealth Handicap: "C" Six Furlongs.

For China ponies "C" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

4.—Commonwealth Handicap: "B" Class: Six Furlongs.

For China ponies "B" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$450; 2nd prize \$250; 3rd prize \$150.

5.—Easter Stakes: One Mile.

For China ponies. Weight 145 lbs. Winners at any time of one race, 5 lbs.; of two races, 7 lbs.; of three races, 10 lbs.; of four or more races, 15 lbs. penalty. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$750; 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$200.

6.—Commonwealth Handicap: "A" Class: Six Furlongs.

For China Ponies "A" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$450; 2nd prize \$250; 3rd prize \$150.

7.—Union Plate: Six Furlongs.

For China ponies, non-winning subscription griffins of the Jockey Club of this season. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies which have not won \$500 in stakes, allowed 5 lbs. Jockey allowance. Allowances accumulate. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

8.—Dominion Plate: One Mile.

For China ponies, subscription griffins of the Jockey Club of this season. Winners of one race, weight for inches as per scale; of two races, 5 lbs. penalty; of three or more races, 10 lbs. penalty; non-winners, allowed 7 lbs. Jockey allowance. Allowances accumulate. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$450; 2nd prize \$250; 3rd prize \$150.

9.—Empire Handicap: "A" Class: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies "A" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$800; 2nd prize \$400; 3rd prize \$200.

10.—Commonwealth Handicap: "D" Class: Six Furlongs.

For China ponies "D" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$350; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$75.

MONDAY, APRIL 6th.

1.—Canterbury Park Handicap: Six Furlongs.

For Australian ponies. Non-winners. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

2.—Junk Bay Plate: Seven Furlongs.

For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$500; 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$200.

3.—Mira Bay Handicap: Second Division: One Mile.

For China ponies "C" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

4.—Mira Bay Handicap: First Division: One Mile.

For China ponies "B" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$450; 2nd prize \$250; 3rd prize \$150.

5.—Mira Bay Handicap: Third Division: One Mile.

For China ponies "C" Class. Top weight not to exceed 101 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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"CEDE MILE FAULT."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Without in any way disparaging the blunt but sportsman-like Englishmen or the dour but very hospitable Scotmen, may I ask your readers why it is that all the Irishmen sent as Viceroy's of India were most popular in their times? Bentinck, Canning, Mayo, Ripon, Hardinge—they were, all most beloved of the natives of India; and their names are still cherished by them in India. This writer in his boyhood still remembers the time of the middle eighties when the Marquis of Ripon, as Viceroy, left Bombay; the natives there actually shed tears and looked so forlorn, and still gratefully cherish his name! Again when this writer was in Hong Kong in the middle nineties, almost all the high offices were then occupied by Irishmen. Blake, H.B. the Governor, General Blake, commanding the forces, Stewart Lockhart, as Secretary, F. H. May (afterwards Sir Francis May) Captain Superintendent of Police, Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon, and last but not least, the most cherished "T.J." Sir Thomas Jackson, Bart., the father of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Those were the happy days when these worthies reigned supreme, as some of your old readers will bear me out.

The key to this is the English are all hearts, the Scots all calculations, and Irish the heart, and this can be seen by the motto on the entrance of the Peninsula Hotel, where the Irishmen received their guests on their Patron Saint's Day! The English would say "Welcome!" the Scots "Most welcome!" but the Sons of Erin "One hundred thousand welcomes!" Do they keep up their Donnybrook Fair, still, in Ireland, and make free use of their shillelaghs yet? I wonder.—Yours, etc.

H.S.K.

PO LEUNG KUK.

EXHIBITION OF HANDWORK.

OPENED BY LADY PEEL.

Lady Peel performed the opening ceremony yesterday of an exhibition of handwork by the inmates of Po Leung Kuk, an institution for the assistance of abandoned girls and orphans.

In his speech, Mr. Tam Wun-tong, Chairman of the Institution, said that Lady Peel had visited the institution frequently to give advice and guidance and they were indebted to her.

The work on view included hand-embroidered linen and silk articles, drawing-room scrolls, bed awnings, curtains, cushions, knitted jackets and other garments and a large assortment of screen pictures. The work reached an exceptionally high standard and commanded the admiration of all who saw it.

The Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood accompanied Lady Peel and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall were among those present.

In addressing the gathering, Mr. Tam Wun-tong said the handwork of the institution was first promoted by Mrs. Kotewall and Mrs. Southern, and Lady Shouson Chow and Mrs. S. W. Tso had frequently visited the institution. This year the Institute had been provided with a number of instruments and machines and a stock of materials, and a sum of over \$1,000 had been subscribed by the committee.

The undertaking had only been taken up recently, and was still on a very small scale. That was the first exhibition held by the Institute, and the proceeds would be devoted to the fund of the embroidery class. Their hope was to enable the girls to pick up a profession during their stay in the Home and thus be able to earn their livelihood when they left.

Lady Peel, in declaring the exhibition open, congratulated the Committee on the excellence of the exhibits, and said she thought the institution owed a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Kotewall for all her work on its behalf.

CONFUSING RULES.

TRAFFIC SUMMONS WITHDRAWN.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday Mr. C. C. Stark, local manager of the Vacuum Oil Company, was summoned for having driven his motorcar in Queen's Road Central on March 5 without a properly trimmed lamp.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the defendant, and pleaded "not guilty."

Sub-Inspector Nicoll, who prosecuted, said that defendant's car was parked outside the City Hall. The outside headlight was in working order, but the inside lamp was out and appeared to be lit, owing to a reflection from a light in the Soony motor filling station.

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that the Inspector seemed to be involved with Sections 107 and 108 of the motor regulations and did not realise that they were different. One stated that a lamp had to be carried so as to provide indication for the vehicle's approach, while the other section stated that a car had to carry two lighted lamps so as to indicate its width.

His Worship agreed with Mr. Armstrong and said that the charges as they stood were not under the rules. The summons was accordingly withdrawn.

COUNTERFEITING MOULDS.

CHINESE ON SERIOUS CHARGES.

Two men and a woman were charged before Mr. E. H. Williams at Central Magistracy yesterday in connection with the possession of fifteen moulds for American silver dollars, also 43 American silver dollars.

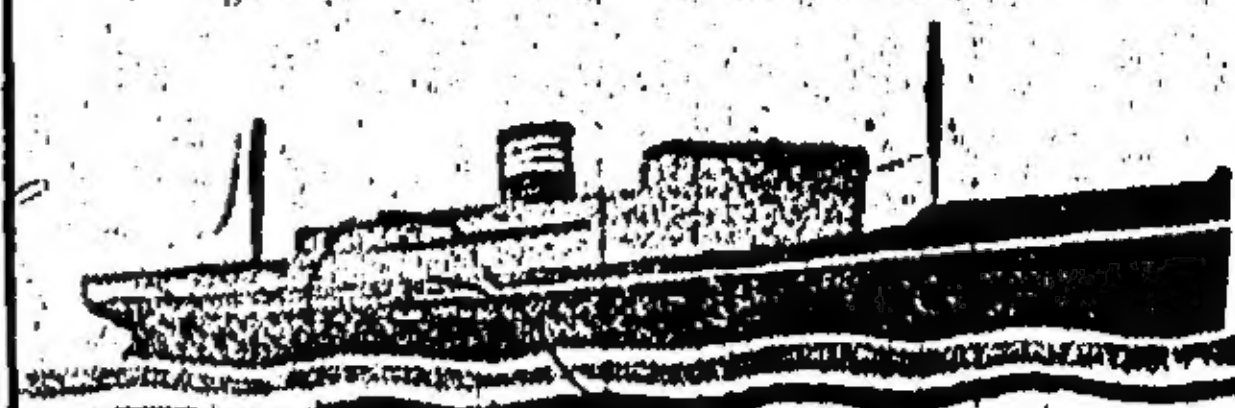
In addition to these defendants, a fashionably dressed Chinese woman and a youth were charged with conspiring with the first three defendants.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist appeared for the first three defendants and asked for bail.

Mr. T. Murphy of the Criminal Intelligence Department, opposed bail for the first three defendants, pointing out that the crime on which they were charged was a serious one and that the defendants, if found guilty, were liable to life sentences. Mr. Murphy asked for a formal remand for a week by which time, he added, he hoped to be in a position to fix a date for the hearing of the case. He had no objection to the youth and the woman, (the fourth and fifth defendants) being bailed at \$1,000 each.

His Worship granted the required remand and fixed bail at \$1,000 for the fourth and fifth defendant.

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THE SOCIETY OF
YORKSHIREMEN.CABARET DINNER DANCE
AT H.K. HOTEL.

The Society of Yorkshiremen in Hong Kong gave their first social function yesterday evening in the Hong Kong Hotel. It took the form of a Cabaret-dinner-dance, which was greatly enjoyed by all who took part. The Society is very fortunate in its officers, and it has H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.), as its president, while Mr. J. Scott Harston is vice-president; Mr. E. W. Coulson, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. J. O. Meyer, Hon. Secretary, and the Committee is as follows:—Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. J. H. Bottomley, and Mr. J. H. Shaw.

The official party yesterday evening was as follows:—Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., President of the Society, Lady Peel, Mr. T. E. Pearce, President of St. George's Society and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, President of St. Andrew's Society, and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. L. N. Murphy, Vice-President of St. Patrick's Society, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Vice-President of the Society of Yorkshiremen in Hong Kong, and Miss E. Scott Harston, and Hon. Mrs. Chas. Tufton. Capt. T. A. H. Colman (A.D.C.) and Mr. G. W. A. Tufton (Private Secretary) were also present.

The President of St. David's Society unable to attend being temporarily absent from the Colony.

Some sixty members of the Society were present and the guests numbered about two hundred and fifty.

The arrangements were made most efficiently by Mr. J. G. Meyer, the Hon. Secretary, and the Committee. Quite a feature of the entertainment was the programme itself, with its etching of York Minster on the cover, and a photograph of the harbour on the back.

It contained the following gems of dialect, which should be appreciated by all, whether they come from the three Ridings or from the rest of the world.

"Od thi noise, all o' yer, 'Thear's nowt Ah like better than a bit o' gooid, speaking when Ah's fozill o' gooid grub."

TOASTS.

"Ee, by Gum! wen Aw were comin' ower, 'top o' m' meers bi Blubber 'ouses ta 'dinner it we'er that thear coud Aw feel es tho' Aw coud eyte two dinners ta neet! Any rood meni card looks loike es tho' thear's plenty o' seran and Ah'm bahn ta dig in and get me money's worth!"

Aw wer readin' i' t' Dictionary t' other day an' aw discovered 'at a chap whoa 'ad a 'oppy wor a chap whoa warked at some soawt o' wark w'en 'e wor laikin'. Nah 'ther's owd Joe Stacey, as nice a chap as iver lived, whoa niver mells wi' onybody if nooobody mells wi' him. He doesn't wark hauf 'is time, but he's niver idle, not 'im. W'en 'e isn't warkin' he gooses an stan on t' brig' 'at gooses ower t' back an watches t' watter. That's 'e 'obby an a goot 'un an' all, coss it costs 'im nowt and never fails 'im coss ther's allus plenty o' watter runnin' under t' brig.

THE SPEECHES.

MR. T. E. PEARCE'S
FELICITATIONS.

Mr. T. E. Pearce, in proposing "Success to the Society," said that as President of the St. George's Society, he was very pleased that he had been able to hang on to office long enough to propose this toast. It was thirty-five years ago that he first made acquaintance with Yorkshire, and with Rugby football, when he went to Blackheath. They used to be given at their Saturday dinners as much roast beef and Yorkshire pudding—as they could eat. The Rugby was, however, of a very high standard. (Hear, hear!) "Whenever you pick up a good knife and fork to have a good bite of food you find on them certain mystic symbols stating that they came from Sheffield, in Yorkshire." (Hear, hear!)

Whenever he went home it was one of his duties to visit that delightful town, Bradford, where it was generally raining. (Laughter.) But the hospitality of Bradford more than made amends for the

weather. "Some of my very closest business friends are in Bradford. (Loud laughter.) You would think at the time you are bargaining that they had sold you not only their cloth, but their mills too—and then later you come to reckon up the cost and you find something very different." (Hear, hear!) In welcoming this new Society, they were welcoming one that would add greatly to the social amenities of Hong Kong. Yorkshiremen had been somewhat slow in starting, but this inaugural meeting showed that they intended to be very successful. He wished the Society all prosperity in the future. (Applause.)

Mr. Scott Harston's Reply.

Mr. Scott Harston, in proposing the toast of "The Guests," said that this meeting might be considered as a very successful beginning of the Society. The Society was of very recent birth, and a very deep debt of gratitude was due to the energetic secretary, Mr. Meyer. The Society despite its youth had a membership of over 100, including some 25 of the Amazon tribe. (Laughter.) Also no less a personage than the wife of an exceedingly prominent past president of St. Andrew's Society, who doubtless appreciated this added lustre to his fame! The Scots were world famed, but Yorkshiremen did not lag far behind.

After a few more remarks which caused a good deal of laughter and applause, Mr. Scott Harston ended by telling an amusing story of a dying man who noticing the savoury smell of cooking ham asked to have some and was told no, he couldn't, it was preparing for the funeral!

Scots and Yorkshiremen.

Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, in replying for the guests, said that he wished to convey the very best wishes of St. Andrew's Society for the future success of the Yorkshiremen's Society of Hong Kong. Some people thought that the launching of a national society merely meant the arranging of a festive occasion like this. He could assure them there was much more to it, and the Committees of such Societies were carrying on, in a quiet way, some very useful work. Septamen and Yorkshiremen were supposed to have a lot in common, both in their virtues and in their faults, but if he started making comparisons in front of so many loyal members of St. George's and St. Patrick's Societies that might end the evening in the fashion of Donnybrook Fair! (Laughter.) He would only say that his Yorkshire friends were as true and as generous as any he ever came across. (Hear, hear.) The Yorkshireman was a great sportsman. Give him a gun, a dog or a horse and he was happy. And as to cricket! When he was a young man Lord Hawke captained Yorkshire, and piloted the county team through 23 successive matches without a defeat. This love of sport was, perhaps, inherited from a great Yorkshireman and his followers—Robin Hood and his Merry Men. To this day the Yorkshireman had in his heart that same love of freedom and of the open country—even though he might work in the big industrial towns of the southern part of the country. (Applause.)

During the evening there was, in addition to speeches and dances, an excellent musical programme, to which Messrs. Scott Harston, Cyril Jackson and H. Varley contributed.

THE MENU.

York Horn D'Gavres (I Bootham Bar)

(An' a Sup o' Summat)

Fruit Cocktails
(For them es doan't loike t'other soart)

Turtle Soup
(As the seen t' turtles laikin' in t' Aire et Swinegate!)

Hornsea Solea in a Greenblouse
(Reight off t' all an' Barnala' express)

Naturill Foie Gras
(Fra Pudsch)

Patela' Brig' Chicken
(An' summat else an' all)

Hooam Killed Beef wi' Squares o' Yorkshire
(Them es eytes mooset pudden gets mooset meat)

Selby Tatoes, Briggus Beans
(Look alippy wi' t' pepper lass)

Scarborough Hokey Pokey
(Mind tha' teeth on t' nuts)

Dessert
(Fill up thi' mugs an' ark to t' lads spoutin')

Coffee

(But there's nowt to beat a coop o' tey off o' t' ob.)

KWANGSI PEACE
RESTORATION.WONG-CHEN CONFERENCES
PROCEEDING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Mar. 20.

General Wong Shiu Hung, the newly appointed Commissioner of Kwangsi, who has been making arrangements for the restoration of peace in Kwangsi in Hong Kong for several weeks, revisited Canton yesterday to confer with General Chen Tsai Tong in connection with his new duties and responsibilities.

The now Kwangsi Commissioner was accompanied by Mr. King Kit Yuan, former Police Commissioner of Cuchow.

Upon landing General Wong and his party proceeded in automobiles to the private home of General Chen Tsai Tong in Tungshan, where they had a lengthy discussion of the problems of Kwangsi.

In conversation with the local Pressmen Mr. King Kit Yuan said that General Wong's visit to Canton was in response to the invitation of General Chen Tsai Tong.

It is understood that General Wong will not leave Canton until he has made definite arrangements with General Chen Tsai Tong for restoring peace in Kwangsi, and this will require several days.

As an evidence of their renewed friendship, General Chen Tsai Tong is giving a banquet this evening to General Wong Shiu Hung in the Tooi Si Club in Tungshan. General Chen Ming Shu, as well as all the military leaders in Canton, has also been invited.

It appears that all is not well in Kwangsi. Obstacles of a more or less serious nature are still blocking the path to peace and tranquillity. A number of sub-leaders are not altogether satisfied with General Wong's plans for the restoration of peace, and are making things "hot" there.

General Wong Shiu Hung Returns
to Hong Kong.

(Wah Tai Yat Pau.)

CANTON, Mar. 20.

General Wong Shiu Hung left Canton for Hong Kong this morning by the s.s. Kinshan.

It is reliably reported that General Wong, when in Canton, definitely decided upon a plan for dealing with the Kwangsi problem as a result of a series of conferences with the Canton authorities.

General Wong is prepared to return to Kwangsi in the near future to accept Nanking's appointment as Rehabilitation Commissioner of Kwangsi, and in case Pei Chung Hsi and Chang Fui Pui should show any opposition, he will probably be compelled to resort to force, with active support from Canton.

It is feared, therefore, that civil strife will again arise.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR W. A. H.
KELLY.PROMOTING SINO-BRITISH
FRIENDSHIP AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Mar. 20.

Vice-Admiral Sir W. A. H. Kelly, Commander-in-Chief of H.B.M. Squadron in China, is expected to arrive in Canton tomorrow (Saturday).

The local authorities, upon being informed of this through H.B.M. Consul-General Herbert Phillips, are making big preparations to welcome their distinguished visitor.

The gunboat Chungshan has been instructed to meet the Vice-Admiral as it enters the Chu Kiang and to fire a salute.

Upon landing, Vice-Admiral Kelly and his party, accompanied by Consul-General Phillips, will call on General Chen Ming Shu and other high officials of the Canton Government.

In the evening the British Vice-Admiral will be the guest of honour at a banquet given by General Chen Ming Shu in the Tooi Si Club in Tungshan.

On Sunday the British party will call on Mayor Lin Yun Koi, General Chen Tsai Tong and others, and on Monday Vice-Admiral Kelly will be the guest of honour at a banquet given by General Chen Ming Shu at Government House.

The Canton Government is looking forward to the visit of Vice-Admiral Kelly to-morrow with the greatest delight. The occasion is being looked upon in Government circles here as a rare opportunity for promoting Sino-British friendship.

NO NEWS OF
BROPHY.SEARCH BY AMERICAN
DESTROYERS.ANXIETY REGARDING
SAFETY.

Mr. G. W. Brophy, who began his flight from Macao to Manila at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday, had not arrived in Manila up to a late hour last night and much anxiety is felt for his safety.

The American authorities are sparing no effort in order to locate the whereabouts of the missing airman. Anxious watchers in Manila waited in vain for news of the airman, but hope is by no means given up.

When no news was received of Brophy on Thursday evening, steps were taken with a view to sending out search parties, but apparently up to a late hour last night no news had been received.

Search Begins.

A Rouser message received yesterday read:—

Search Ships Engaged.

MANILA, Mar. 20.

The destroyers Peary, Truxton and Paul Jones, and the aeroplane tender Heron, carrying two planes sailed shortly before midnight bound for Lingayen Gulf.

They will start the search for Brophy under the general command of Captain Bristol, the commander of the Navy Air Squadron.

Nichols Field is preparing two giant Sikorski planes, which are taking off at daylight to join the search.

U.S. Navy Sweeping Thirty
Thousand Mile Area.

LATER.

All the available sea and air resources of the U.S. Navy in Manila have been drafted to search for Brophy covering an area exceeding 30,000 square miles.

In addition to the destroyers and the aircraft-carrier sent out yesterday, Admiral McVay has four more destroyers and another aircraft-tender and two squadrons of aeroplanes out with instructions to sweep the wide sea area between Manila and the Pratas.

Destroyers are everywhere steaming at a speed of 23 knots.

Mrs. Brophy is here trying bravely to keep calm, and answering queries smilingly.

She is confident that her husband is safe.

MANILA, Mar. 19.

There was no news of Brophy at ten o'clock to-night.

Admiral McVay has ordered three destroyers and the airplane tenders Avocet and Heron to depart immediately to search the area of Brophy's proposed route, especially in the neighbourhood of San Fernando.

The ships' base will be the Lingayen Gulf and they will report to Manila every hour.

Mrs. Brophy in Manila.

Mrs. Brophy rushed to the aerodrome this afternoon to meet her husband. She was much alarmed by his failure to appear. She is fearful but hopeful that her husband is safe somewhere.

Able to Keep Afloat for Several
Days.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 20.

The Gale Aviation Company, who are backing Brophy's flight, are still optimistic that the airman will be found.

They state that before leaving Hong Kong Brophy fitted the entire fuselage with air-filled bags and had the wings waterproofed, and it is believed that if he was forced down to the sea he would be able to keep afloat for several days, given an absence of bad weather.

It is understood that the search which is being made by the American fleet is most thorough, covering no less than 35,000 square miles.

Macao Aviation Force Helping.

In addition to the searches instituted by the authorities at Manila, it is understood that Commander Cabral of the Macao Aviation Force has been searching the waters in the vicinity of Macao, but has not found any trace of the missing flier. The flier's route was over the Pratas Shoal, but it does not appear that he had been seen there.

MARTENOT'S "ETHER
MUSIC."TO BE HEARD HERE NEXT
WEEK.SOME PARTICULARS REGARD-
ING THE INVENTION.

As there seems to be a great deal of enquiry regarding the nature of the invention of M. Martenot, who is to give a demonstration and concert at the Star Theatre at 9.15 p.m. on March 28—some people feeling rather dubious lest it should prove to be some "quack" affair a few words about it will probably be welcomed.

M. Martenot has been demonstrating his invention in several of the world capitals, and such was the reception accorded to the European demonstrations of his "Music from the Ether" instrument (popularly known as the "Martenot") that he was engaged to give his first American performance in Philadelphia on Dec. 12 with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. This is the biggest and finest orchestra in existence, and such a person as Stokowski, the conductor, would never have done the inventor this honour if the demonstration had not merited the serious attention of the musical world.

M. Martenot, born in Paris 33 years ago, has been a concert pianist and cellist since boyhood. While a wireless operator during the War, he noticed that the apparatus for generating waves enabled the production of strangely beautiful sounds, and that was the origin of his invention.

It has the appearance of a small piano, but there the resemblance ends, for the keys of the "key-board" do not operate hammers against wires. They are connected with batteries and bulbs resembling the interior of a radio receiving set.

It produces the whole range of audible sounds, from the lowest of the double-bass or the basson to the highest of the violin or the piccolo. The melodies played on this instrument are accompanied on the piano by the inventor's sister, and a very varied selection of classic and modern works figure in their repertoire.

There are three ways of playing the instrument. In one case the player stands away from it, and the right hand, by its movement, gives the pitch of the sound by waving a thin metallic thread, while the left hand regulates the volume of tone. In the second case, the right hand, instead of moving in space, is held above a keyboard which it scarcely touches and which serves simply as a point of reference. The third method of playing is the latest part of the invention. Here the performer uses the keys as in the case of the piano, but the keyboard is a special one, allowing him to transmit to each key an individual vibrato, and if he wishes he can obtain quarter and eighth tones. Several composers are writing special works to be performed by the "Martenot" and orchestra.

"The instrument" is not merely a curiosity," says a statement issued by M. Martenot, "nor is it intended primarily to imitate the sounds of other instruments, but to provide new resources of expression of composers—sonorities hitherto unknown—and novel colour effects to enrich the orchestral palette. The instrument is not automatic, employing no such means as records or perforated rolls. The lamps are analogous to those used in radio initial electric vibrations with the aid of appropriate circuits."

Anyone with the slightest knowledge of music can play the Martenot, according to the inventor, and those ignorant of music can learn to play it within a few weeks.

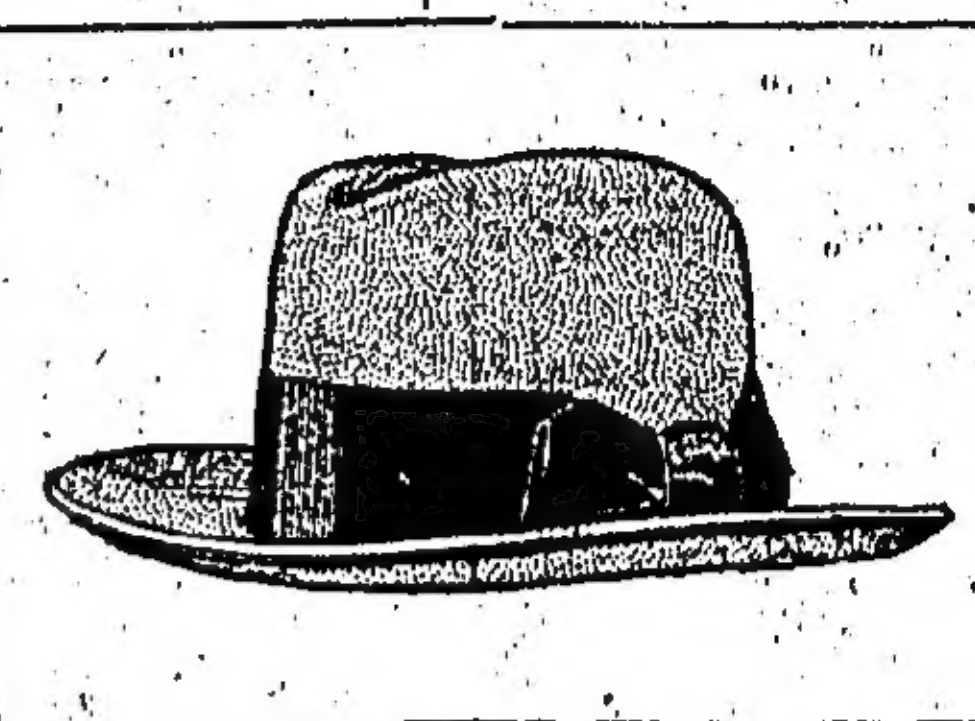
There will be only one demonstration in Hong Kong, as mentioned above. The price of admission are \$4.40, \$3.30, \$2.20 and \$1.10. The concert is being given under the auspices of the Consul-General for France and the Hong Kong Musical Society.—A.M.B.S.

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NOTICE.

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- 1.—All MOTOR OMNIBUSES and MOTOR LORRIES will Park in the Space near the Military Road leading to SAN WAI CAMP before the Finish of the Last Race.
- 2.—BUSES or LORRIES will Not Stop to pick up or drop Passengers near the Entrances or Anywhere else on the Main Sha Tau Kok Road in the Vicinity of the Race Course.
- 3.—Persons who travel by Motor Omnibus will walk across the course to the Bus Park, thus avoiding crossing the Main Road Traffic.
- 4.—MOTOR CARS will Park on the Space provided Opposite the MEMBERS' ENTRANCE.

R. D. C. WOLFE,
Inspector General of Police.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1931. [503]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY and MONDAY, 27th and 28th APRIL, 1931 (Weather Permits), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and CAUWAY BAY STABLES.
Entries CLOSE at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on THURSDAY, 25th MARCH, 1931. [502]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's BOARD ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1930, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the Transaction of any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 11th, 1931. [458]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 26th MARCH, 1931, until TUESDAY, 7th APRIL, 1931, Both Days inclusive, instead of for the period previously notified.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 21st, 1931. [501]

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at LANE, CRAWFORD'S RESTAURANT on MARCH 21st at 8.15 P.M.
All Members and Potential Members wishing to attend are requested to send in their Names, if they have not already done so, to one or other of the JOINT SECRETARIES as soon as possible.

N. L. SMITH,
Joint Secy.'s Office.
Secretaries: R. E. LINDELL,
Supreme Court. [489]

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDING, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931. [475]

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary. [487]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED From the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. [410]

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1931, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd MARCH to 31st MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.
DODWELL & Co., LTD.,
General Managers. [486]

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.20 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone appears to be central over Shantung and the Yellow Sea. The depression is probably crossing Japan to the south of Hakodate. Moderate monsoon will prevail along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally; probably some rain.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong have pleasure in announcing that the marriage of their eldest daughter MARY to Mr. SAI WA LING, B.A., Oxon., will take place on Monday, March 30, when a Reception will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel at four o'clock the same afternoon. All friends are cordially invited to the Reception. No cards will be issued. [493]

BIRTH.

FRANKLIN.—On March 16, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. FRANKLIN, a son, Cornell Swinton.

DEATHS.

CLINE.—On March 14, at Shanghai, BRUNAH EDMONDSON CLINE, wife of Dr. J. W. Cline.

COLTER.—On March 14, at Shanghai, JOHN CAMPBELL COLTER, aged 45 years.

GRAY.—On March 9, at Shanghai, JOHN GRAY, aged 48 years.

HEATHCOTE.—On March 14, at Shanghai, APRIL VIVIAN, aged 3 years, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Heathcote.

TYE.—On March 13, at Shanghai, Mrs. TOS. W. TYE, aged 50 years.

YOUNG.—On March 10, at Shanghai, WILLIAM JOSEPH YOUNG, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Young of Cork, Ireland.

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THE POLITICAL SPARROW.

News from Home suggests that the Liberal Party is in extremis. The small group that nominally inherits the traditions of GLAUCOSTE and BRIGHT, ASQUITH and SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT appears likely to split in two, the larger part, headed by MR. LLOYD GEORGE, seeking admittance to the ranks of Labour, while Sir JOHN SIMON and a few stalwarts of the older tradition may reluctantly march into the Conservative camp. Looking back over the last twenty years few would deny that Mr. LLOYD GEORGE has played the part of the sparrow, and shot the fatal dart into the heart of Cock Robin! The old Liberal motto was "Peace, Retrenchment and Reform." Reform in the early days of the century had a different meaning to that which it has now acquired. Retrenchment, it will be noted, was placed before Reform. After the Liberty Party had swept the country in 1906 a number of reforms were taken in hand. Mr. HALDANE reformed the War Office. At the Admiralty a series of Liberal First Lords, under the dominating power of Lord FISHER, carried on the work of reforming the Navy; Lord MORLEY at the India Office started some drastic changes in our Indian policy; and Lord CHAMBERLAIN sternly refused to follow the old custom of making appointments to the judiciary as a reward for political services.

It was Mr. LLOYD GEORGE who rushed the party into a course of extravagance and class antagonism. The House of Lords must take much of the blame. Liberal legis-

lation was mangled in the Upper Chamber, so Mr. LLOYD GEORGE fought the Peers of the Realm as, years before, when an obscure Welsh solicitor, he fought what he considered to be tyranny and class unfairness on the magisterial bench of his native town. His "Lime-house" style was considered an asset to the Party; his cry of "the people against the Peers" was taken up as an admirable asset in electioneering. He packed a mass of social legislation into his "people's budget" of 1909, and he forced the unwelcome dose down the throats of the House of Lords.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE is a man of vast energy and wide imagination. He has striven all his life to "build Jerusalem."

"In England's green and pleasant land,"

His method is bureaucratic and he is recklessly extravagant. If money was needed his principle was to "make the rich pay." More Income Tax, Super Tax, increased Death Duties and his Land Values scheme, which did not work, despite the enlistment of many officials, and only exacerbated the housing problem by hitting the speculative builder.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE threw retrenchment to the winds and concentrated on reform. He wanted to cut down on the Services, but he let that pass, and pressed on with what he called social betterment and what his opponents considered to be "pauperisation." Only ignorance and early training made Mr. LLOYD GEORGE nominally a pacifist. He has a terrific appearance and has always been a first-class fighter. The War made him. Once he grasped it, he saw it more clearly than anyone else, even KITCHENER. He mobilised the nation and made everyone either fight or work for the cause. But he had no regard for money. If the munition workers needed huge sums to keep them from striking, they must have it; if the young-flying officers deserved big money, he would not grudge it them. There was no stinting anywhere. Men might be dying in the trenches, but at least they were well paid and well fed, and the whole nation was in clover.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE unceremoniously kicked his old colleagues out of the political nest, and found kindred souls, for the time being, in such Conservatives as Mr. BONAR LAW, Lord CURZON and Lord MILNER. But the peace found Mr. LLOYD GEORGE out. Reconstruction baffled him, as did the Versailles negotiations, where he was over-shadowed by Mr. A. J. BALFOUR. After Mr. LLOYD GEORGE had nearly embroiled us in a war with Turkey the Conservative Party did to him what he had done to his old chief, and Lord CURZON, in particular, got his own back for many a real or imagined slight. The Welsh wizard returned to the Liberal fold, and soon set the flock at each other's ears. They have been quarrelling ever since, and, in the interval, issuing books and pamphlets about nationalising the land and making the nation work on schemes of reconstruction, and relief. Now Mr. LLOYD GEORGE is gravitating towards his natural allies, the Socialists. There the battle of twenty years ago between exponents of retrenchment and extravagance is being refought. Mr. SNOWDEN has come down heavily for the former, blasting the life hopes and ambitions of many a rugged ill-informed Labourite. There is a revolt, and some no doubt see in Mr. LLOYD GEORGE the leader to Socialism in our time, by way of still more grandiose campaigns for making everyone happy and prosperous. The only snag is that the money is not there; that taxes do not bring the revenue expected; that budgets show deficits and unemployment figures soar higher and higher. If we are to have in England a British equivalent to the Russian Five-Year Plan, Mr. LLOYD GEORGE is the man to set about it. But there are two difficulties: the Labour Party has not yet accepted the yoke of its old enemy—for such he has often been—and British individualism has always, in peace time, been very hesitant about the socialism of Mr. LLOYD GEORGE.

AN INVISIBLE RAY.

An "invisible ray" which guarded the Shah of Persia's crown jewels at the Persian Art Exhibition in London caught the public imagination. It was hailed as a "magic beam," though, in reality, it is an ingenious application of quite simple scientific principles. But the mere word "ray" excites the imagination of the public, just as, for years, it has been a stand-by for many a sensational novelist. The secret of its popularity lies in its invisibility.

Some years ago there was much excitement about "Death Rays," though there was no evidence that the ray in question was anything of the sort. But there is such a thing as a real death ray, which is the subject of considerable research at the present time, mostly in America. It has been found that if one builds a wireless transmitting set capable of transmitting radio waves of a wave-length of about 3 metres any small animal—such as a mouse—placed in the immediate vicinity of the apparatus, died.

It has also been found that such a "ray" has curious effects on the human body, one of which is to raise the temperature.

It is, perhaps, fortunate that there are considerable technical difficulties in producing so short a wave-length at any great power, so up to now no one has succeeded in producing a sufficient powerful transmission to kill a human being. But it is not unreasonable to suppose that, if one could produce a strong enough wave, the temperature of the body could be raised so much that death would ensue. If such discovery were made, however, it might at last convince hot-headed humanity that war must be abandoned because, militarily, the weakest Power would be able to exterminate friends and enemies alike.

It appears that if one raises the frequency of the transmissions to about 150 megacycles, corresponding to wave-lengths between 1 and 2 metres, which is still more difficult, even more remarkable effects on the human body are noticeable. Much research is being done on this, and it is possible—if not probable—that some revolutionary medical discoveries will result in a few years, as soon as the technical difficulties have been overcome.

More Electricity.

A great increase in the use of electricity and many reductions in prices, but continued wide variations in charges—these are the principal features in the return, published of electricity supply for the year ended March, 1930, by the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority. The average prices received showed decreases in respect of all classes of supply, the savings to consumers during the year being estimated at £188,200.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week-ended March 7, amounted to 72,792 tons, and the sales during the period to 105,400 tons.

It is advertised that the transfer books of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., will be closed from March 26 to April 7, both days inclusive, and not for the period previously notified.

Bail of \$75,000 was granted in the case in which a Chinese woman named Jeng Shoe is wanted by the American authorities for alleged embezzlement of G.\$25,000. A remand for one week was ordered.

Three Filipinos, who arrived in Hong Kong as stowaways on board the s.s. Invincible, were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. They were remanded until Monday pending arrangements to return them to Cebu.

A young pickpocket, who told the police that he had only just acquired the art and had not done any more than steal two fountain pens, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday on a charge of stealing a fountain pen. Six strokes of the cane were ordered.

History!

History retold from a New York evening newspaper: "Bobby Burns was the Bib Bad Boy of Scotland. Along about the time Washington was crossing the Delaware, Bobby was busy being the answer to many maidens' prayers. Believe it or not, two hundred years later, they're still calling him the main reason why a dozen dames left home. . . . And, say, they're still singing some of the boy's torch songs. When a femme turned him down, he could burn her up with a ditty that would make a burglar wipe tears from his eyes."

The King's Taste in Linen.

"I prefer Irish linen, and every shirt I have comes from Belfast. I am very particular about that," said the King, when, with the Queen, he visited the Science Museum, South Kensington, to see exhibits illustrating research on the production of flax and the manufacture of linen, organised by the Linen Industry Research Association. When the King and Queen were shown a tablecloth of the latest design with reproductions of London scenes, the King said:—"I prefer large, simple, and bold designs, like the poster designers use." Among the exhibits was some linen 5,000 years old taken from an Egyptian tomb. The King expressed surprise at the fineness of the cloth, and was told that ninety miles of the yarn used went to the pound.

Treasures of Famous Children.

An exhibition of "treasures of famous children" was held last month in London at Eresby House, Rutland Gate, by the Princess Marie-Louise, in aid of Fairfield House Open-air Residential School for Delinquent London School Children. It was like a Barrie play that forever keeps the spectator nicely balanced between laughter and tears, deliciously uncertain which way the balance will turn. There was a child's tiny brown silk slipper cherished by Byron and discovered among his private papers; Ellen Terry's dancing slippers worn when she played "Puck" in 1893; the treasured baby clothes of many members of Royal Families including the tragic Stuart King; and Lewis Carroll's early attempts at making a book with its delightfully quaint coloured illustrations. The most interesting treasure among them all was perhaps the centuries old Fitzwilliam Scarf, given by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings to an ancestor of the Fitzwilliam family who was a Marshal of the Army. Every boy in the Fitzwilliam family has worn it as a christening robe since that date. It has been lent by Mr. George Wentworth Fitzwilliam, and is now partially in ribbon, the gold threads which joined the material—something like a lawn—together having broken away.

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A commotion was caused yesterday morning in the Japanese Lower House by a youth in the Visitors' Gallery scattering pamphlets over the Government benches. Page 9.

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The proposals for the revision of the Export Tariff Schedule submitted by Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister, to the Central Political Council, have been approved by that body. Page 9.

The Foreign Affairs Commissioner has informed the United States Consul at Yunnanfu that ten arrests have been made in connection with the murders of Mrs. White and Mrs. Miller, including the principal murderer, who has confessed his guilt. Page 9.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

Looking Back 25 Years.

The first division of the French Far Eastern Fleet, reached here last evening. Their arrival had been anticipated since Sunday but the dense fog which enveloped the approach to the harbour kept them outside for two days. However, the fog cleared a little yesterday afternoon and in company with the other delayed vessels the torpedo destroyers made their way into port. It is expected that the Fleet will remain in these waters a week, during which they will be offered official entertainment. The event will be rendered still more interesting by the arrival of the Japanese Training Squadron, which is expected here to-morrow.—Hong Kong Daily Press, March 21, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. was held yesterday at the Offices, Praya Central, for the purpose of sanctioning the special resolution passed on the 22nd ultimo. The Chairman, Hon. W. Kowick, said:—"Gentlemen, the special resolution referred to was proposed by myself in these words, 'That the board of Directors do hereby authorize to subdivide the old shares of this Company of \$500 into shares of \$125.' The motion was seconded by Mr. R. Innes and unanimously carried. It is now to be confirmed and I beg to propose the confirmation of it. The motion was carried unanimously.—Hong Kong Daily Press, March 21, 1881.

CHINA'S EXPORT
TARIFF SCHEDULE.APPROVED BY CENTRAL
POLITICAL COUNCIL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Mar. 20.
Mr. T. V. Soong's proposals for the revision of the export tariff were approved by the Central Political Council.

The date, from which the new schedule will be operative has not yet been decided, but it is understood that some advance notice will be given so that the export trade will not be unduly disturbed.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister, on March 18, submitted to the Central Political Council a Memorandum proposing a revision of the Export Tariff Schedule. He suggested that the old export tariff rates collected *ad valorem* shall remain at 7.5 per cent, but that the export duties collected according to quantity shall be increased from three to five per cent. The Memorandum points out that a deficit of \$142,000,000 was expected for the current fiscal year, and that urgent measures were necessary to meet the financial stringency.

Mr. Soong went on to say that the existing export schedule was promulgated 70 years ago, and was unsuitable for present conditions. He declared that the increase which was very small, would not have an adverse effect on the trade and industry of China.

CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL
AT LONDON.DR. KUANGSON YOUNG
APPOINTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Mar. 20.
Dr. Kuangson Young has been appointed Chinese Consul-General at London in succession to Chen Wei Cheng, who has resigned.

Dr. Young, who was formerly an official in the Foreign Ministry, left China early last year to investigate conditions in Europe as the Ministry's Special Commissioner.

HONG KONG CHINESE TRADE
MISSION TO CANTON.TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS
IN INTERIOR.

(Wah Tse Yat Pao)

CANTON, Mar. 20.
In response to General Chen Ning Shu's request, a Trade Mission comprising Hong Kong's leading Chinese merchants, including Sir Shou Son Chow, S. W. Tao, Chen Lim Pak, Li Yick Mui and Li Yau Chun, proceeded to Canton this morning by the s.s. Fatsan to investigate trade conditions in the interior.

FRENCH STEAMER
WRECKED.STRIKES A ROCK IN FOGGY
WEATHER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19.
A wireless report to Shanghai says that the steamer Changkiang (formerly the Knut Hamsun) has been wrecked and is a total loss. Fifty out of 300 passengers were picked up.

The fate of the crew is unknown. The French warship Marne is proceeding to the scene.
French Sloop Rescues Sixty-Six.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 20.
The French sloop Marne has arrived here with 66 survivors of the steamer Changkiang, which struck a rock in the vicinity of Wanchow in very foggy weather on Monday. Eleven of the crew and three passengers were drowned.

The survivors clambered on the rocks and walked to the lighthouse, which communicated the ship's position to the Marne.
It is now learned that most of the passengers from Haiphong landed at Hong Kong, and that only eight passengers were on board.

MURDER OF LADY
MISSIONARIES.TREMENDOUS INDIGNATION
IN UNITED STATES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.
Tremendous indignation has been aroused throughout America over the murder in Yunnan-fu of the two missionaries, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. White.

The State Department has instructed the United States Minister at Nanking to insist on the murderers being immediately brought to justice.
Ten Arrests Reported.

PEIPING, Mar. 20.
The Foreign Affairs Commission at Yunnanfu has informed the United States Consul that ten have been arrested in connection with the murders of Mrs. White and Mrs. Miller, including the principal culprit, who is alleged to have confessed his guilt.

MOTOR-CAR TAXATION
IN BRITAIN.METHOD CRITICISED BY SIR
HERBERT AUSTIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 19.
Sir Herbert Austin, the well-known motor manufacturer, speaking at the American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London, criticised the British method of motor-car taxation, based on horse-power, which, he said, was unfair in incidence and amount. In spite of the handicaps, however, Britain held the world's record for speed on land, water and in the air.

The output of British passenger and commercial motor cars had gone up from 73,000 in 1922 to 238,000 in 1929, with a drop of about 2,000 in 1930.

NON-CONFIDENCE IN
JAPAN'S GOVT.DEFEATED BY LARGE
MAJORITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Mar. 20.
Following yesterday's demonstrations outside the Diet the Seiyukai introduced a vote of non-confidence in the Government this afternoon in the Lower House.

As the Minseito holds an absolute majority the Seiyukai's motion was bound to be defeated, but the Cabinet agreed to provide full scope for debate on the motion, which was aimed at the Government's economic, diplomatic and general administrative policies.

The introduction of the motion in the Lower House followed a strong denunciation of the Government's economic policies in the Upper House this morning.
At the same time a proletarian mass meeting to denounce Mr. Hamaguchi was held in Shiba Park this afternoon.

Strong cordons of police were drawn up at various strategic points as a precautionary measure. In spite of all this noise and excitement, there is little doubt that the country as a whole still favours the present Ministry, whose position is unlikely to suffer from these demonstrations, unless there is an unexpected development.

LATER.

The non-confidence vote was defeated by 239 votes to 169.

COMMOTION IN JAPANESE
DIET.YOUTH SCATTERS PAMPHLETS
IN LOWER HOUSE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Mar. 20.
A commotion was caused in the Lower House this morning when a youth in the Visitors' Gallery started scattering large numbers of pamphlets over the Government benches containing such slogans as "Revolution by the Patriotic Masses" and "Away with the National Ruin Cabinet!"

The youth was promptly arrested and identified as a member of the Right Wing reactionary organisation.

EARTHQUAKES ROCK THE
PHILIPPINES.DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT
ONE MILLION PESOS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MANILA, Mar. 19.
A series of earthquakes rocked the Philippines from Aparri to Jolo yesterday.

The greatest damage was caused at Ilocos Norte, where churches, convents, and Government buildings are reported to have been destroyed.

The most disastrous shock occurred at 2.25 in the afternoon. Several persons are reported to have been injured, but there were no deaths.

The damage is estimated at several million pesos.

Shortly before 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, an earthquake shock was felt in the Colony. The Royal Observatory seismograph recorded a shock at 2h. 28min. 50secs. The greatest amplitude was 36 millimetres.

LATE SIR CHARLES ELIOT.
MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD
IN TOKYO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Mar. 20.
A simple but impressive service was held this morning at the English Church in memory of Sir Charles Eliot, who died at sea on Monday whilst en route to England.

Baron Shidehara, Minister for Foreign Affairs, who was a close personal friend of Sir Charles, and a large number of other high Japanese dignitaries, together with British and foreign diplomats, attended.

Striking tributes are paid by the vernacular newspapers to Sir Charles, both as a diplomat and a scholar.

Real regret is expressed at the passing of such a staunch supporter of Anglo-Japanese friendship.

CHINA'S BUDGET.

FOREIGN CAPITAL ON EASY
TERMS UNLIKELY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 19.
The Times, in a leader on the Chinese Budget, says that Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister, admitted that foreign lenders will not seriously think of assisting China until her Budget is balanced and the plan to consolidate and redeem her foreign debt is effectively in operation.

Army Most Expensive and Least Efficient.
"He might have added, even then foreign capital will not be obtainable on easy terms if the Chinese army continues to be the most expensive and least efficient of those maintained in any important State."

BALDWIN CANDIDATE
WINS.MAJORITY OF NEARLY SIX
THOUSAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 19.
Captain Duff-Cooper, the Conservative candidate for St. George's, Westminster, and a supporter of Mr. Stanley Baldwin, is at the top of the poll in the election with a majority of 5,710 over Sir Ernest Peter, the Independent Conservative candidate.

The voting was as follows:—
Captain Duff-Cooper ... 17,242
Sir Ernest Peter ... 11,532

Majority ... 5,710

Captain Alfred Duff Cooper, D.S.O., formerly of the Grenadier Guards, was born in 1890, being the oldest son of Sir Alfred Cooper, F.R.C.S., and the late Lady Agnes Duff, sister of the first Duke of Fife. In 1919 he married Lady Diana Manners, by whom he has one son. Educated at Eton and New College, Oxford (Honours in Modern History), he was elected Conservative Member for Oldham (Lancs.) in 1924-29, and was Financial Secretary to the War Office in 1928.

PONTYPRIDD BYE-
ELECTION.

LABOURITE RETURNED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 20.
The result of the Pontypridd bye-election is as follows:—
Mr. Davies (Labourite) 20,087
Mr. Crawshaw (Liberal) 8,308
Mr. Evans (Conservative) 5,180

The bye-election was due to the retirement of Mr. Mardy Jones.

BRITAIN'S TEA DUTY.

RE-IMPOSITION HIGHLY
PROBABLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 19.
The probability of Mr. Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, re-imposing the tea duty in the next Budget is voiced in the Daily Mail, which discloses that some importers and packers have engaged extra warehouse accommodation to increase their stocks, whilst some wholesalers have advised their customers to buy freely and immediately.

ALI BABA'S CAVE.

PROSPECTORS' STAMPEDE
IN MAZATLAN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.
A stampede has been in full swing 100 miles north-east of Mazatlan since a prospector tumbled upon what is believed to be Ali Baba's Cave.

It was first discovered by the notorious bandit Hernando Bernal, in the days of Diaz, who used to bring the raw gold into the towns without disclosing the source of supply.

Prospectors, who are attacking the quartz rocks with hunting knives, have already staked 1,600 claims around the mountain streams.

So far they have dug out 1,200 lb. of gold.

Mazatlan is a seaport town in Mexico, on the West coast, and is a centre of distribution (supplying almost all the towns and mining camps in the state of Sinaloa), and the most frequented port on this coast.

It has an extensive trade with the United States, and largely exports gold and silver coin and bullion.

PARIS-TOKYO
FLIGHT.FRENCH AVIATORS
DETAINED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Mar. 19.
The Japanese authorities have telegraphed to Seoul expressing regret to M. Burtin and M. Moench at the necessity for detaining them.

It is hoped that after an investigation to allow them to continue to Tokyo, but probably this will not be permitted until Saturday.

It seems that the airmen were previously warned several times through the French Embassy against taking the Mokpo route, owing to the fact that it is a fortified area.

Their detention was ordered immediately on their arrival at Seoul. They should have taken the Mukden route, which had been sanctioned.

ITALIAN AIR SMASH.

THREE BRILLIANT ACES
KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PISA, Mar. 19.
Three of Italy's most prominent airmen were killed to-day in a crash two miles at sea, namely, Colonel Maddalena, Captain Cecconi, and Engineer-Lieutenant Dantonio.

All three participated in the recent brilliant formation flight from Italy to Brazil, while Colonel Maddalena led the relief expedition in 1928 which found part of the crew of the ill-fated airship "Italia."

CENTRAL AFRICA AIR MAIL.

TWENTY-THREE DAYS
SAVED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 19.
The first air mail liner from Central Africa to Great Britain arrived at Croydon this afternoon on schedule time, having covered 5,114 miles in nine days, a saving of 23 days as compared with surface transport.

The first stage of the flight, from Mwanza in Tanganyika, to Khartoum, was covered by the Imperial Airways flying-boat "City of Khartoum."

At Khartoum the mail was transferred to a land plane and flown to Cairo, where it was joined by the London-bound Indian air mail.

A second flying-boat was used on the stage from Cairo to Athens, across the Mediterranean, and the journey home was completed by ordinary air liner.

About 54,000 letters were delivered from the air liner.

R.101 ENQUIRY REPORT.

PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBES
RUMOURS AS GUESSWORK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 19.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replying to Sir Samuel Hoare, said the R.101 Court of Enquiry had not yet reported to the Air Ministry.

Therefore recent rumours regarding the alleged contents of the Report can only be guesswork.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON
MALTA AFFAIRS.PREMIER ANNOUNCES
PERSONNEL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 19.
The Prime Minister, in the House of Commons, announced the composition of the Royal Commission on Malta.

By the terms of reference, the Commissioners are "to visit Malta and consider the existing political situation in the Island, and to make such recommendations as may seem to them desirable as to the steps which should be taken to deal with it, with special reference to the possibility of re-establishing Constitutional Government."

The Commission will consist of Lord Asquith, well-known for his work as an arbitrator in industrial disputes in Great Britain, who will be Chairman; Sir Walker Gorton, the distinguished Colonial Administrator, formerly Governor of Southern Nigeria; and British Guiana; and Count de Salis, at one time British Envoy Extraordinary to the Pope.

It is expected that the Commission will arrive in Malta early in April.

BRITISH POLICY IN
INDIA.FATE OF GANDHI'S MOVE-
MENT PREDICTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 19.
"Lord Irwin has weathered a bigger storm than India has known since the Mutiny," declared the Maharajah of Burewala in a speech in London to-day.

Defending the British policy in India, he denied that British prestige had been surrendered, and he expressed the opinion that Gandhi's movement would either end in swallowing up Gandhi or in Gandhi dissociating himself from it.

ANGLO-FRANCO-ITALIAN
NAVAL AGREEMENT.

FIRST MEETING OF EXPERTS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 19.
The Committee of British, French and Italian experts engaged on drafting the final terms of the Anglo-Franco-Italian Naval Agreement held its first meeting at the Foreign Office to-day.

It is expected that the proceedings will last several days.

WRECK OF SEALER
VIKING.SEARCH FOR TWENTY-ONE
MISSING ABANDONED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

St. John's (Newfoundland), Mar. 20.
The search for 21 missing from the wrecked sealer Viking has been abandoned.

A total of 123 passengers and crew have been saved and one body found.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S
VACATION.

BOUND FOR PORTO RICO.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

POINT COMFORT, Mar. 19.
President Hoover left in the battleship Arizona on a holiday trip to Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands, to-day, accompanied by Mr. Hurley, Secretary of War, and Dr. W. A. Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior.

The train went on 30 yards, when two other coaches were derailed.

The occupants of the second coach were not injured, and those in the third car were imprisoned inside, a number being cut by broken glass.

WORLD'S RECORD
GOLD HOLDER.FABULOUS SUM CONCEN-
TRATED IN AMERICA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Mar. 20.
The largest amount of monetary gold ever held in one country is now concentrated in the United States, which holds \$4,685,000,000, being \$1,000,000 over the record established by the United States in 1927.

CARLISLE EXPRESS SMASH.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER
AGAINST DRIVER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 19.
A Coroner's jury at Carlisle to-day returned a verdict of manslaughter against John Eskdale, the driver of the express which was derailed on January 3, when three persons were killed and 30 injured. Eskdale collapsed on hearing the verdict, and was committed for trial on a Coroner's warrant, bail being allowed.

It was alleged that Eskdale was driving at a dangerous speed at the curve.

EXPRESS TRAIN SMASH
IN FRANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Mar. 19.
Ten persons are reported to have been killed and more than 80 injured in a train smash at Elampes, where the express from Paris to Bordeaux collided with a goods train.

Experts are puzzled regarding the cause of the accident.

The express was practically through the station when the two rear coaches inexplicably jumped the rails and were smashed into matchwood against a stationary train alongside.

The express was able to proceed with the uninjured and slightly injured, after the wrecked tail had been detached.

Seven Killed and Twenty Injured.

The casualty list totals seven dead and 20 injured.

The dead include an Englishman named Westmead.

All those killed were in the dining-car, which was the first to leave the rails.

The train went on 30 yards, when two other coaches were derailed.

The occupants of the second coach were not injured, and those in the third car were imprisoned inside, a number being cut by broken glass.

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Sports News

OVER THE STICKS.

TO-MORROW'S MEETING AT KWANTI.

SOME SELECTIONS FOR PUNTERS.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

Racegoers are undoubtedly enjoying more than a fair share of their favourite sport during the present season. With the Annual Race Meeting and the First Extra Meeting over the March Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club becomes due and there is little doubt but that the entertainment available at Fanling to-morrow will be in every respect as good as that seen at Happy Valley this month.

Entries are, on the whole, quite good and there are two flat races on the card which ought to attract big fields. In these events even placed ponies at the Annual Meeting are barred so that the task of picking winners will be exceedingly difficult. There are quite a number of unplaced sibs and The Hunan Stakes ought to see quite a number of novices engaged.

The usual train will run to Fanling but, as advertised, it will not be one of first-class coaches only. However, this will not be any inconvenience as the main idea is to get there in time.

Given good weather, the attendance should be very big as the present time of the year is the best for spending a day in the country. Moreover, as I have stated before, steeplechase meetings are quite popular nowadays and an attractive feature of the regular meetings at Kwanti is the 22 pari-mutuel and cash sweeps, both of which compare favourably with the bigger betting in Hong Kong.

Royal Flush.

Coming to the racing, Royal Flush appears to be a savior in the first race and barring accidents should come home to touch as there is nothing to touch him among the entries. However, the pony is entered in the Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup where the handicapper has allotted him 165 pounds and where there is some very good odds to match him. If Royal Flush is started in the first race I do not hesitate to "tip" him to win.

Gay Crusader is entered in the first race where he has to look after 165 pounds and I, therefore, think he will start for the Pierce Grove Cup where he has only one more pound to carry. Gay Crusader, Diana and Christmas Belle appear to be sure starters in the first race and are inclined to think the finishing order will be Royal Flush, Christmas Belle, Gay Crusader.

That sturdy little performer, Christmas Frolic is entered in the second race and he will, in all probability, carry Mr. Stanton's colours to victory. Mongolian Stag will probably go out here too and with a concession of 18 pounds might make things hum, but it is unlikely that he will upset Christmas Frolic. The Gomeril, belonging to Messrs. Hall and Shenton, would not be an unwise bet for a place.

Pierce Grove Cup.

The field here is not likely to be big and Gay Crusader ought to find the distance to his liking. Two and a half miles is a good deal for a China pony and Messrs. Tong and Priestley's candidate appears to have a better chance—at least on paper—than any of the others. As You Like It is also in this race with 160 pounds to look after. He is, of course, not in Gay Crusader's class but he has time after time, proved that he likes long races and might prove a tough handful to-morrow. Chats has done well enough in the past to merit some attention and those who back him for a place might find it a profitable investment.

Not knowing what ponies will start for the Hunan and Huph Stakes, I shall pass over these races without comment. Needless to add, form at the flat races at Happy Valley will have much to do with the betting to-morrow.

His Excellency's Cup.

The last race of the day is for a cup presented by H.E. the Governor and the event is over two miles of fair hunting, country starting and finishing on the Steeplechase Course. I think Country Club, in spite of his weight, has a good chance of carrying off the trophy, while Fern Leaf, Fanling Stag, Heretofore and Duke of Neblung are others who might just as easily work the trick.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

HONDA RECEIVES SHOCK.

GOOD RECOVERY.

In the opening match on the St. Paul Court this season, T. Honda and Ho Ka Lau met in the fourth round of the open singles championship. The match ran to three sets, but ended tamely, as Honda, after a bad start, had matters much his own way in the second and third sets, the final scores being 2-0, 6-3 and 6-2.

Ho Ka Lau created some excitement by winning the first set. Honda was unsettled to begin with and except for pulling up level after being 2-0 down, did not do much. The Chinese covered the court cleverly and gave Honda few opportunities to play his favourite strokes by maintaining a good length. Honda in trying to force the pace found difficulty in controlling his soft returns.

After the bad start, Honda's prospects seemed very bad, but a change of tactics by Ho put a different complexion on the play that followed. The latter became a little enterprising, but Honda apparently found the faster shots easier to control. Gradually he outplayed the Chinese, and when he led at 4-love, his supporters regained confidence. Ho made a fine effort to pull up, and when at 1-5 down he beat the Japanese by forceful tennis and won two games, scoring most of his points by net play. Honda, however, brought the scores level by winning the second set at 6-3.

Both were pretty restrained in the final set, playing steadily and taking no risks. The Chinese again adopted the defensive, but it did not avail him to much good purpose as in the opening set, for Honda broke up his defence by persistent drives, into the corners which kept Ho constantly on the run. The latter gradually weakened and failed to check the progress of the Japanese who went on to claim the final set without much opposition. Honda now meets either E. C. Finchen or Ng Sze Cheung.

Club Events.

Several ties in Club events proved to be interesting. Goldman and Petch scored victories in the Championship over Anderson and Capri. Etherington, respectively, while Evans scored his first local success by beating Bishop in the "A" Club Handicap.

The detailed scores follow:—

Open Singles.

2nd Round.

G. Lai beat L. T. Ride, 6-2, 3-6, 6-7.

4th Round.

T. Honda beat Ho Ka Lau, 2-0, 6-3, 6-2.

Club Championship.

W. N. Petch beat Capt. Etherington, 6-4, 6-3.

L. Goldman beat J. H. Anderson, 6-2, 6-2.

Singles Handicap "A."

D. B. Evans (owe 15/2) beat C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 3/0), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

H. Owen Hughes (owe 15/2) beat A. O. Johnson (owe 3/0), 8-6, 6-1.

R. M. Henderson (rec. 2/0) beat D. L. Prophet (owe 2/0), 6-0, 6-1.

Singles Handicap "B."

O. C. Womack (owe 1/0) beat E. J. Buttress (rec. 2/0), 6-1, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles.

Collis and Penn (rec. 15) beat Watson and Remington (rec. 3/0), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

THE SELECTIONS.

Race 1.

Royal Flush.

Christmas Belle.

Gay Crusader.

Race 2.

Christmas Frolic.

Mongolian Stag.

Race 3.

Gay Crusader.

As You Like It.

Chats.

Races 4 and 5.

(Post Entries).

Race 6.

Country Club.

Fern Leaf.

Fanling Stag.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

SHIELD SEMI-FINALS FOR DECISION.

SOUTH CHINA CLASH WITH KOWLOON.

The survivors in the Challenge Shield Competition will take the field this afternoon at Kowloon and Happy Valley to decide the teams to appear in the final which will be played a fortnight hence. South China and Kowloon F. C. senior teams would have been looked upon as the finalists had they appeared in opposing camps, but the draw has forced them to clash in the semi-final.

In their recent League match, Kowloon, on their own ground, defeated South China, but the winners last week had their colours lowered by the Highlanders. The issue of the shield match is very uncertain, but in any case a great struggle will be provided by two strong sides. If they could keep themselves free of infringements in their own goal area and the forwards maintain their alignment, the odds would appear to be slightly in favour of South China.

The Royal Artillery had a walk-over from the Recoils, and they will be opposed by the South Wales Borderers, who have reached the semi-final by putting away the Highlanders and St. Joseph's. The Borderers will be hot favourites for the honours.

In the Junior Shield semi-finals, the Navy and Eastern should qualify for the final. Extra time will be played in the Shield matches, if necessary. The following are the fixtures, including League games fixed for the afternoon:—

Senior Shield.

(Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.)

South China v. Kowloon, Club ground.

R. A. v. S. W. Borderers, Kowloon F. C. ground.

Junior Shield.

(Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.)

Navy Reserves v. Kowloon Reserves, Club ground.

H.K.F.C. v. Eastern, Kowloon F.C. ground.

Division I.

(Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.)

Navy v. Athletic, Stadium.

St. Joseph's v. Argylls, St. Joseph's ground.

Division II.

(Kick-off at 3 p.m.)

Athletic v. South China, Stadium.

(Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.)

S.W. Borderers v. University, Chatham Road.

Division III.

(Kick-off at 3 p.m.)

R.E. v. R.A.O.C., Athletic ground, H.V.

(Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.)

Athletic v. R.A.S.C., Athletic ground, H.V.

Probable Shield Teams.

Kowloon Seniors: Penny, Martin, Dowman, Hedley, McKelvie, Bliss, Pile, Simpson, Gillet, Grimwood, Ianson.

South China: Pau Ka Ping, Li Tin Sang, Tam Kong Pak, Leung Yin Chan, Leung Wing Chiu, Tong Kwan, Cheng Sing Hong, Chu Kwok Lun, Fung King Cheung, Lee Wai Tong, Ip Pak Wa.

Kowloon Reserves: Angus, Guest, Williams, Everett, Gilchrist, Cameron, Eastman, Whitling, Spary, Cotton, Bickford.

Club Reserves: Fogwell, Sloan, Hynes, Punchedon, MacFarlane, Stoker, Alexander, Bell, Strange, Jackson, Fowler.

DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST FOOTBALL TEAMS.

R.A. ASKED TO RESIGN AND EWO SUSPENDED.

Drastic action has been taken by the Hong Kong Football Association against the Royal Artillery Reserves and Ewo as a result of their conduct in recent games which has been the subject of investigation by the Emergency Committee.

Last week, the Royal Artillery Reserves, who were engaged in a League match with the H.K.F.C. on the Club ground, gave an exhibition of bad sportsmanship when certain players allowed their tempers to get the better of them. Four of their players have been suspended until June 1. The R.A. have also been asked to withdraw from the Second Division of the League, which virtually amounts to suspension.

A charge of substituting a player during the second half of the game and refusing to furnish the referee with his name was brought against Ewo, who took part in a Junior Shield match with Kowloon Football Club a fortnight ago. The Association has suspended since the participation of Ewo in local football.

The R.A. have four more matches to play in the Second Division, while Ewo are left with three matches in the Third Division. The effect of the action taken against them is that the points in the remaining fixtures will be awarded to their respective opponents.

WEEK-END SPORTS FIXTURES.

MATCHES AND PLAYERS AT A GLANCE.

The following fixtures have been arranged for to-day and to-morrow:

ATHLETICS.

St. Stephen's College Athletic Sports, Stanley, 2 p.m.
Central British School Athletic Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.

BOXING.

China Fleet Amateur Championships (Theatre Royal), 9 p.m.

CRICKET.

League: Division I.
C.C.C. v. I.R.C.
C.S.C.C. v. R.A.

Division II.

I.R.C. v. C.C.C.
H.K.C.C. v. R.A.S.C.
Recoils v. R.E.
University v. Kowloon.

Friendly.

Royal Navy v. H.K.C.C.
All matches are scheduled to start at 2 p.m. sharp and will take place on the grounds of the teams mentioned first.

In their matches with the Craigengower Cricket Club, the Indian Recreation Club will be represented by:—

1st XI (Away):—A. H. Rumjahn (captain), A. H. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Ismail, F. D. Pereira, A. H. Minu, A. K. Minu, J. S. Abdul-Currim, O. Ismail, and A. S. Ismail. Reserve: A. Rahman.

2nd XI (Home):—F. M. el Arculli (captain), M. R. Abbas, A. R. S. Akbar, H. E. M. Barma, A. R. H. Ismail, E. Heptula, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Saffad and A. S. Saffad. Reserve: A. B. Abbas.

The Recoils team for their match with the Royal Engineers will be: H. A. Alves, L. J. Guterres, H. M. Xavier, L. J. Silva, H. A. Barros, A. P. Pereira, C. M. Souza, G. A. Guterres, F. J. Remedios, A. Prata and F. H. Carvalho.

The following are the Club teams:—
1st XI:—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. C. Beck, A. Reid, G. R. More, E. R. Duckitt, O. G. Simpson, W. Rigg, J. R. Hinton, E. C. Etherington, J. Macfarlane.

2nd XI:—H. J. Armstrong, C. E. R. Divett, L. B. Smith, C. E. Gahagan, R. R. Davies, J. D. A. Hutchison, J. R. Way, R. H. Wild, J. Chadwick, E. J. Collins, L. A. Whipples.

FENCING.

Hong Kong Fencing Club Tournament, 3.15 p.m.

HOCKEY.

Caer Clark Cup Competition:—Recoils v. St. Andrew's.

RACING.

Fanling Hunt Steeplechase, Kwanti (Sunday).

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUES.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The international match between England and Scotland (amateur), which will be played at Stamford Bridge, is included in the Home football programme to-day.

League teams have a full engagement list as under:—

Division I.

Arsenal v. Wednesday.
Birmingham v. Middlesbrough.
Blackburn v. Grimsby.
Blackpool v. Manchester U.
Derby v. Aston Villa.
Leeds U. v. West Ham.
Leicester v. Liverpool.
Manchester C. v. Chelsea.
Portsmouth v. Newcastle.
Sheffield U. v. Huddersfield.
Sunderland v. Bolton.

Division II.

Barnsley v. Wolves.
Bradford C. v. Southampton.
Bristol C. v. Bradford.
Bury v. Oldham.
Cardiff v. Stoke.
Charlton v. Reading.
Everton v. Millwall.
Plymouth v. Notts Forest.
Port Vale v. Burnley.
Swansea v. Tottenham.
West Brom. v. Preston N.E.

Division III. (Southern).

Poole v. Exeter.
Craydon O. v. Northampton.
Coventry v. Bristol R.
Fulham v. Newport.
Gillingham v. Crystal P.
Notts O. v. Torquay.
Queen's P.R. v. Southend.
Swindon v. Gillingham.
Thames v. Brentford.
Walsall v. Luton.
Widford v. Brighton.

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CANTON POLICE v. ANGLO-FRENCH TEAM.

EASY WIN FOR THE CHINESE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Mar. 20.

A combined team of British and French sailors from Shanghai were again defeated by the Canton police team in an interesting football match yesterday afternoon on the ground of the Police Training School, Wai Foo Road, East.

The final score was 6-0 in favour of the Chinese.

Originally it was to have been a tussle between the Canton police and the H.B.M. Moorthen, but owing to the latter not being able to get enough players together for the match, it was suggested to get some men from the French gunboat Vigilante, thus making it a combined team. The suggestion was accepted and the game was played as scheduled.

The foreigners put up a good, hard, clean fight, but lacked team work and kicking power. By the end of the first half, the score stood 4-0 against them, but during the second half they stiffened up, considerably and gave the Chinese a lot of resistance. This however, did not overcome the advances of the Chinese, who had scored two more goals when time was up, thus bringing the score up to 6-0 in their favour.

A huge crowd witnessed the game, both Chinese and foreigners, and among the more notable spectators present were General Au Yang Pui, the Police Commissioner, and Admiral Chen Chak.

Division III. (Northern).

Darlington v. Rotherham.
Doncaster v. Rochdale.
Gateshead v. Accrington.
Halifax v. Chesterfield.
Hartlepool v. Tranmere.
Hull v. Crewe.
Lincoln v. Wrexham.
Nelson v. York.
New Brighton v. Barrow.
Stockport v. Southport.
Wigan v. Carlisle.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Ayr v. Leith.
Celtic v. Cowdenbeath.
Dundee v. Airdrie.
East Fife v. Kilmarnock.
East Fife v. Clyde.
Hamilton v. Morton.
Hibernian v. Aberdeen.
Motherwell v. Hearts.
Rangers v. Queen's Park.
St. Mirren v. Partick.

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COMPARISON OF WHOLESALE PRICES WITH
PRECEDING YEARS.

Hong Kong Trade & Shipping
Returns for the month of February
have now been issued by the Statisti-
cal Branch of the Imperial and
Exports Department.

The trade figures are as follow,
the January totals being given in
brackets:—

Imports.

Merchandise \$85,504,416 (\$89,669,035)

Treasure \$1,888,246 (\$5,363,164)

Total \$87,392,662 (\$95,032,199)

Exports.

Merchandise \$37,721,667 (\$47,973,929)

Treasure \$10,787,032 (\$10,845,058)

Total \$48,508,699 (\$58,818,987)

Figures Compared.

The total values of the imports
and exports of merchandise are
shown below by countries, the
January figures being given in
brackets:—

Imports.

United Kingdom \$8,576,027 (\$8,734,134)

Australia \$206,800 (\$203,887)

Burma \$222,740 (\$209,945)

Canada \$201,911 (\$227,434)

Ceylon \$19,222 (\$17,471)

Egypt \$26,316 (\$26,389)

East Africa \$35,304 (\$30,313)

India \$2,033,654 (\$1,104,285)

New Zealand \$41,330 (\$24,500)

North Borneo \$300,278 (\$170,507)

South Africa \$5,531 (\$11,888)

Straits and F.M.S. \$813,719 (\$2,698,058)

West Indies \$1,025 (\$2,827)

British Empire, other, \$56,333 (\$101,886)

Belgium \$1,436,056 (\$86,303)

China, North \$6,001,822 (\$4,087,011)

China, Middle \$1,254,710 (\$2,324,008)

China, South \$6,643,004 (\$9,000,932)

Cuba \$1,787 (\$19,703)

Central America \$1,500 (\$22,489)

Denmark \$5,198 (\$4,029)

France \$311,608 (\$108,592)

French Indo-China \$3,018,985 (\$2,700,479)

Germany \$2,750,109 (\$2,543,430)

Holland \$894,075 (\$64,533)

Italy \$440,145 (\$9,529)

Japan \$4,533,597 (\$2,308,554)

Kwang Chow \$700,704 (\$939,125)

Manco \$836,023 (\$1,385,092)

Norway \$43,474 (\$813)

Netherlands \$5,213,129 (\$980,248)

Philippines \$89,910 (\$811,108)

Portugal \$23,700 (\$—)

Siam \$3,339,035 (\$2,731,354)

South America \$21,092 (\$160,005)

Sweden \$146,210 (\$8,980)

Switzerland \$94,561 (\$370)

Spain \$2,116 (\$90,801)

U.S.A. \$3,437,546 (\$2,922,522)

Other Countries \$62,630 (\$50,754)

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New Zealand \$41,330 (\$24,500)

North Borneo \$300,278 (\$170,507)

South Africa \$5,531 (\$11,888)

Straits and F.M.S. \$813,719 (\$2,698,058)

West Indies \$1,025 (\$2,827)

British Empire, other, \$56,333 (\$101,886)

Belgium \$1,436,056 (\$86,303)

China, North \$6,001,822 (\$4,087,011)

China, Middle \$1,254,710 (\$2,324,008)

China, South \$6,643,004 (\$9,000,932)

Cuba \$1,787 (\$19,703)

Central America \$1,500 (\$22,489)

Denmark \$5,198 (\$4,029)

Imports.

Animals, Live \$1,006,228 (\$35,726)

Building Materials \$1,114,785 (\$543,346)

Chemicals and Drugs \$374,400 (\$291,941)

Chinese Medicines \$2,243,306 (\$1,100,743)

Dyeing Materials \$537,058 (\$488,507)

Foodstuffs \$17,505,049 (\$18,501,376)

Fuels \$670,165 (\$660,669)

Hardware \$310,620 (\$247,801)

Liquor, Intoxicating \$451,733 (\$440,614)

Machinery and Engines \$353,893 (\$1,272,863)

Manures \$1,177,978 (\$873,106)

Metals \$1,142,731 (\$3,212,834)

Minerals and Ores \$64,037 (\$207,545)

Nuts and Seeds \$271,346 (\$261,736)

Oils and Fats \$3,208,346 (\$3,634,369)

Paints \$170,791 (\$140,396)

Paper and Paperware \$1,055,152 (\$1,074,407)

Produce Goods and Textiles \$11,154,235 (\$10,283,119)

Railway Materials \$4,656 (\$54,481)

Tobacco \$1,208,373 (\$1,446,576)

Treasure \$1,608,248 (\$1,787,002)

Vehicles \$160,800 (\$346,840)

Wearing Apparel \$204,051 (\$507,910)

Sundries \$6,600,990 (\$6,541,234)

Value Fluctuations.

Monthly fluctuations in the
values of imports and exports since
April, 1930 are shown in the
following table, the sterling equiva-
lents at ruling average rates of ex-
change being included in brackets:

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WHOLESALE PRICES.

Based on declarations of quan-
tities and values furnished to the
Statistical Branch of the Imports
& Exports Office by Hong Kong im-
porters and exporters.

Foodstuffs.

(1929-100.)

Beans (Broad) 99.3 129.8 181.1

" (Green) 94.2 129.9 127.8

" (Yellow) 104.4 130.0 109.0

" (Other) 101.3 131.6 157.1

Beef 110.9 127.8 100.0

Eggs 94.5 125.2 132.7

Flour (Wheat) 94.4 130.9 125.5

Fishery Pro-
ducts (Mis-
cellaneous) 87.6 118.7 120.4

Lard 106.9 134.1 146.2

Milk (Con-
densed) 92.2 105.9 207.0

Mutton 114.3 121.9 126.1

Peanut Oil 103.6 137.7 142.1

Poultry 111.0 130.7 100.0

Rice (Broken) 112.3 125.0 132.7

" (White) 110.3 146.7 143.1

Sugar (Raw) 133.6 88.8 85.0

Vermicelli 106.5 107.0 121.0

Group Average 101.3=73.6

" 1929=100.0

" 1930=105.6

" July 1930=143.6

" July 1931=144.2

Textiles.

Individual Average 1929.

Individual Average 1930.

Individual Average 1931.

Cotton (Raw) 109.7 109.9 238.7

Cottons (Yarn) 120.6 125.2 114.7

Plain 100.4 79.2 91.3

Figured and Shirtings (White) 82.2 100.0 99.6

20/43 Yds. 81.4 77.2 88.5

Home (Manila) 137.9 128.6 141.5

Gunny Bags 201.3 240.8 280.0

Hessian Cloth 138.0 99.7 51.5

Silk Piece Goods 91.4 68.4 75.7

Blankets (Wool and Union) 105.2 106.0 133.9

Flannels (Wool and Union) 105.0 11

CRISIS IN BRITAIN'S COALFIELDS.

SPREADOVER SYSTEM CONTINUANCE REFUSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 19. More trouble in the coalfields is expected to result from a decision of the Miners' Delegate Conference to-day refusing to sanction the continuance of the spreadover of hours system beyond the end of March.

The system is one whereby the miners work for a 90 fortnight as best suits the local conditions, instead of a fixed seven and a half hours daily.

Three months ago, despite the ban by the National Miners' Federation, South Wales, Scotland and other districts decided in favour of the spreadover because they feared a reduction in wages. The reduction was demanded by the employers if the spreadover was not adopted.

The same position will recur unless Government legislative action is secured to protect miners' wages. To-day the conference instructed the Executive to get into touch with the Government on the matter.

Deal Strike in France.

DORIS, Mar. 19.

There is a possibility of a coal strike in France towards the end of the month, because the owners want to cut wages.

The Government is now conferring with the miners and mine owners.

AUSTRALIA'S FIDUCIARY BILL.

RIDICULOUS AMENDMENT BY LANG FOLLOWER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, Mar. 19.

The attitude of the Lang group towards the Fiduciary Bill was disclosed in the House of Representatives to-day when Mr. H. F. Lazarini (member for Werriwa) declared that they would support the second reading but would propose to amend the bill by making it illegal the writing of cheques or the possession of cheque forms under a penalty of 14 years imprisonment.

An amazed silence, then laughter, greeted the announcement and Mr. Lazarini shouted: "Laugh, you fools! You make the counterfeiting of fiduciary notes illegal, but allow bankers to issue thousands of millions of cheques, which are equally spurious currency."

SYDNEY, Mar. 19.

The Assembly passed the third reading of the Interest Bill reducing interest rates on Government borrowings to three per cent. and private loans to five per cent.

'VARSITY BOAT RACE.

OXFORD'S CHANCES IMPROVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 19.

The critics may be compelled to modify their views regarding Oxford's chances in the Boat Race on Saturday after this morning's work, in which they did their best bit of rowing since their arrival at Putney.

They put in an excellent three minutes of fast rowing, in which Holdwater stroked 38 in the first minute, dropped to 34 and finished at 36.

The remainder of the outing, which was rather extended, was devoted to starts and paddling.

Cambridge, by contrast, adopted a policy of taking a rest before the battle. They had no outing in the morning, and were out only for a short spell in the afternoon.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, March 19.

Paris	124.105
New York	4.85 20/32
Brussels	34.80
Geneva	25.555
Amsterdam	12.15
Milan	12.74
Berlin	20.305
Stockholm	18.105
Copenhagen	18.105
Oslo	34.575
Vienna	104
Prague	193
Helsingfors	40.2
Madrid	109.25
Lisbon	375
Athens	817
Bucharest	4
Rio	304
Buenos Aires	1/5 27/32
Bombay	1/4
Shanghai	1/4
Hong Kong	2/1 13/32
Yokohama	
Silver	133
Spot	133
Forward	133

CABINET RANK FOR MR. H. MORRISON.

PROMOTION FOR TRANSPORT MINISTER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Mar. 19.

The Prime Minister has invited Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Minister of Transport, to be a member of the Cabinet.

Mr. Morrison has latterly come into prominence in connection with the new Road Traffic Act, which has been described as the Government's greatest domestic triumph. The mobile police created by the Act are sometimes referred to as "traffic cops," but as this term is not popular at "Home" they have been given the nickname of "Morrison's." Another big scheme which the Ministry of Transport has in hand is the amalgamation of London's transport systems.

GERMAN EX-CHANCELLOR CRITICALLY ILL.

UNCONSCIOUS AND STRENGTH FAILING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Mar. 19.

The condition of Herr Mueller, the former Chancellor, is most critical.

He is suffering from bladder trouble and inflammation of the lungs.

He is unconscious, and his strength is failing.

A transfusion of blood has been made.

B.B.C. PROGRAMMES DISCUSSED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Mar. 19.

The programmes of the British Broadcasting Corporation were the subject of comment in both Houses of Parliament to-day.

In the House of Lords, Lord Radnor referred to the phenomenal popularity of broadcasting and said there were now 3,500,000 licensed receiving stations in Britain. He thought the Corporation had done its work well, but he criticised what he described as a tendency to introduce political bias.

Lord Crawford said the critics of the British broadcast programmes should compare them with those in other countries. No country enjoyed more varied programmes of entertainment and education, and nowhere were there more remarkable men contributing the best of their knowledge to broadcasting.

Lord Gainsford, Acting Chairman of the Corporation, said they prepared their programmes to give the maximum of interest and entertainment. He declared that there was no justification for the charges of bias or propaganda.

Lord Ponsonby, for the Government, said the debate showed there was very little real criticism of the programmes. The Government would continue the policy of its predecessors. The policy of the Corporation would be kept free from Government control.

BRITISH POTTERY TRADE.

EXTENSION OF SAFEGUARDING URGED.

The hope is expressed in British Pottery circles that not only will the china trade be granted an extension of safeguarding, but that the earthenware section will be included.

The Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent, who himself has a large interest in the pottery industry, speaking at the dinner of the Pottery and Glass Trades Benevolent Institution, declared that state institutions safeguarding did no good and that it injured the trade in general by forcing factories to keep their workers fully employed. Wage bills had materially increased, and this in spite of the fact that in Loughlin china was to-day being sold at 10 per cent. less than when safeguarding was instituted in 1927. He shuddered to think what conditions would have been in the china trade if it had not been for the safeguarding duties.

It is too early yet to forecast results in regard to the pottery section of the British Industries Fair, but it is felt that the exhibition will benefit the industry materially. Manufacturers do not regard the Fair purely from the standpoint of orders booked but from the advertisement derived from the display. The china at the Fair is better than in the past, both technically and artistically, and, furthermore, prices are moderate. With the assistance of safeguarding duties china manufacturers can compete with foreign china made by means of labour 50 per cent. cheaper than in this country.

V.D.M.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

A LINK BETWEEN HOME AND CHINA.

BISHOP'S OUTLINE OF ASSOCIATION'S POLICY.

The annual meeting of the V.D.M.A. was held yesterday evening at St. John's Cathedral Hall, the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.), being in the chair.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said:—

The V.D.M.A. has behind it a long and useful record, for it arose out of the amalgamation of the Church Missionary Association, 32 years ago, and the Hong Kong branch of the Victoria Diocesan Association, founded ten years ago. I can best describe the V.D.M.A. as a fellowship of helpers: the aim of the Association is to band together those who are ready to help forward the work in this diocese.

'Bond With Helpers in England.'

The V.D.A. in England has about 1,200 members; the V.D.M.A. here has 281.

Each year in June an Annual Reunion is held in London, where helpers from the diocese, and I can truly claim that the occasion is a very happy one. This year is a very happy one. This year is a very happy one. This year is a very happy one.

Then, each year in the autumn in London there is a sale at which we have a stall, and I should like to thank Mrs. Rolley for the work she does as Sales Secretary in the way of purchasing goods, and those who are good enough to help her by giving donations.

A Link Between the Chinese and English Churches.

As most of you know, this diocese is made up of two parts: it consists of the Church of England section, and a Chinese section, and neither the one section nor the other can constitute the diocese. The V.D.M.A. brings members of both sections together, and I hope will do so increasingly. And here I should like to remind you that on April 20 we have our "At Home" at which Miss Woo is to speak.

It affords a natural and regular meeting place as between the members of our various congregations, and if we are to keep alive the family idea in our Church this is no unimportant piece of work.

One of the matters which our new Committee will have to consider is days exhibition next autumn, similar to that held in Kowloon two or three years ago.

I think, too, the V.D.M.A. is a real link between our missionaries and those not directly engaged in missionary work. It is common knowledge that missionaries, some of them persons of the highest intellectual attainments, come to us simply for an honorarium, and I have always found that when their work is really understood, there is a readiness to back them in what they are doing.

And here I want to thank Mrs. Lang and the members of the Hospitality Supplies Working Party for their splendid help.

Grants in Aid.

The V.D.M.A. chiefly helps by making grants in aid, and if you will look at the budget that is before you, you will see the objects for which these grants in aid are made. These grants are necessarily small, but our missionary work is carried on with an economy which will bear the closest scrutiny and the work done is out of all proportion to the grants made.

If I may give a concrete illustration, I have lately received a long and careful letter from Dr. Neville Bradley, who is the Rector of the whole neighbourhood being opened up with motor roads, and in this district money can be made to go a long way. Dr. Bradley pleads that the V.D.M.A. will help to meet certain needs in this district which we have passed can make no allowance for these needs. I hope at the end of the year we shall find that our receipts are greatly in excess of our budget and that then we can meet many pressing needs which we have not been able to budget for.

Personal Interest.

Lastly, let me say that the method of the V.D.M.A. is to spread personal interest in the interest of this person or that person. The method is an old one, a simple one, but the only effective one. A movement can only spread on personal interest. It may encourage some of you who are trying to use this method to know that 28 new members have been gained during the last five weeks.

Last Sunday morning I was holding a confirmation service in St. Paul's church (which is under the charge of Mr. Tso). It was with four hundred or more people, all Chinese, with the exception of three of us. It was a moving sight, and I wished that many who doubt whether missions are worth while could have been present at that inspiring service.

My point to-day has been that this Association has a scope of great usefulness in our diocese.

life. People get interested out here; many of them go to England and they do not lose their interest. At the last V.D.A. Committee held in London on January 28, for instance, I notice that among others who were present were Mr. Bowley, Mr. Alfred Bryer, Rev. W. H. Hewitt (late Warden of St. Stephen's College), Rev. H. Copley, Mr. J. J. Northcott (formerly Military Chaplain here) and Sir Gladstone—all names well known in this Colony.

I hope therefore you will try and win fresh members for this Association and support it by all the means in your power.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Hon. Treasurer in his report, stated:—

In 1930 our income was made up by \$200 from London, realising \$2,500; 3,300 dollars from Hong Kong Church quotas, and \$700 from subscriptions and donations from local helpers. The \$700 is mainly absorbed by local expenses, leaving \$3,700 to meet our commitments for the work for which this Association was formed, namely, missionary work in the diocese.

This year our commitments are \$7,330—the increase being due to the salary of the Bishop's Secretary. The Bishop was on leave most of 1930 and during his absence no secretary was employed, so we may therefore take it that the figure of \$7,330 represents a normal budget. Our aim in field work in the diocese is to expand by slow degrees and to follow-up expansion by sustained effort. With this end in view our Association has undertaken definite liabilities in the way of stipends and guarantees and I therefore ask all members to assist in two ways:—

First by doing their best to interest friends in the Association and its work, for which purpose leaflets describing the work done may be obtained from Group Secretaries or officials.

Second by helping us financially. "The receipts from members' subscriptions during the past four years have been 1927, \$560; 1928, \$492; 1929, \$440; 1930, \$344, a decrease of 39 per cent. in four years. Some of this is probably due to members not being asked for their subscriptions and overlooking their payment, and I hope that all members who have not already paid for the current year will either do so this evening after this meeting, or send their dues to their respective group secretaries. Some people think our subscription of two dollars is too low and that question will be discussed later this evening.

I now propose the adoption of the Accounts for 1930 as printed in the Annual Report for that year. This was carried.

Annual Report.

Rev. N. V. Halward, in presenting the annual report, said:—In proposing the adoption of the Annual Report for 1930 which has been in your hands for some days I desire to draw your attention to the following points:—

Membership.—There has been a considerable falling off in the local membership during the last two years: in 1928 the membership was 2,900; in 1929, 2,600 and in 1930, 2,311. This is a serious decrease, viz. 21 per cent. This is not the place for me to go into the question of reasons, but I think I may say that it behooves all of us who are members, if we value the work of our Association, to do all we can to bring new members in. Having started off on a gloomy note I can now say with pleasure that 1931 promises to be a much better year in respect of membership at any rate.

2. V.D.A. London Reunion.—If you look at the bottom of page 1 of the Report you will see that members who wish to attend the Reunion on June 25 should send their names and addresses to their Group Secretaries by March 31. I may add that even those who are not going home this year may have friends in England who would like to attend. If so we should be grateful if you would send in their names and addresses to the Group Secretaries; these will be forwarded to England so that invitations can be sent out.

3. Grants.—The Treasurer has already dealt with the Statement of Accounts for last year, but I would like to draw your attention to the figures on page 2, where you will find that the total amount under this head for work in the diocese was nearly \$5,000 as compared with \$2,575 in 1929. This increase has been made possible largely owing to the generous quotas received from the various churches.

4. Secretaries.—Finally I would like to express the gratitude of us all to Mrs. E. G. Stewart, Mrs. Kopper, Mrs. Lang and others for

(Continued on next column.)

HONG KONG ROPE CO.

DIVIDEND OF 75 CENTS PER SHARE.

The report of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., for presentation to the shareholders at the forty-seventh ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the Company, St. George's Building, Hong Kong, on Friday, March 27, at 11 o'clock a.m., states:—

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, for the year ended December 31, 1930, is \$181,774.09, which, with \$150,123.98 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$331,897.07 available for appropriation.

The Directors recommend the following distribution:—

To pay a dividend of 75 cents per share, absorbing.....	\$150,000.00
To place to credit of Typhoon and Flood Account.....	5,000.00
To write off factory buildings at Matsutake.....	100,000.00
To write off plant and machinery.....	15,997.07
To carry forward to credit of next year's account.....	70,000.00
	\$340,997.07

Directors:—Under Article 94 (b) Mr. J. Scott Harrison and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lindeat & Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who offer themselves for re-election.

FAMOUS CYMBALIST.

TO BROADCAST FROM STUDIO ON MONDAY.

Professor A. Barna, the famous Hungarian Cymbalist, is the first man to tour the world with his four musical instruments, the cymbal, metalphone, xylophone and glasses.

The history of the cymbal finds its origin in China in an ancient instrument similar in many respects to the modern one.

One hundred and fifty years ago it made its appearance in Hungary and Roumania and in the city of Budapest was enlarged and improved until it finally developed into the piano.

Fifty years ago Professor Alaga was the first man to write musical notes for cymbal concerts, and now Budapest in Hungary is the only city in the world which can boast a Conservatoire in which academic instruction is given in the art of playing the cymbal. Professor Barna himself has devoted over thirty-five years of his life to this instrument, and plays many of his own compositions.

In a concert which is giving from the Broadcasting Studio on Monday next, at 8.30 p.m., he will play pieces from such great masters as Verdi, Brahms, Mascagni and Grieg.

their work in connection with the hospital supplies and Xmas gifts funds; also to Mrs. Stark for so kindly and ably carrying on the somewhat arduous duties attached to the V.D.A. London sales during Mrs. Rolley's absence; lastly to Mrs. Shann, who acted as Joint Hon. Secretary for practically the whole of last year in conjunction with Mrs. Black, who is resigning this year after two years of devoted work.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected:—Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. L. Barker; Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. C. H. Duppuy, Mrs. F. A. Reed, and the Rev. N. V. Halward; Secretary for Hospital Supplies, Mrs. E. A. Lang; Secretary for V.D.A. London Sales, Mrs. M. H. Rolley; Auditors, Messrs. Thomson & Co.

Group Representatives to Executive Committee.—Cathedral (the Dean ex officio) Miss E. M. G. Gray, Mrs. L. B. Holmes and Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe. St. Andrew's Group (Rev. W. W. Rogers ex officio) Miss F. McGill and Mr. O. B. Raven. St. Peter's Group (Rev. N. L. Watkins ex officio) Mr. E. S. Cunningham and Mr. R. Ashton Hill. Chinese Group, Rev. Lee Kau-yan, Mr. Woo Yee-tung, Dr. Chan, Wai-chung, and Miss S. T. Kwok. Outposts Group, Mrs. Kennedy Skipton.

In the absence of Mrs. W. W. Rogers asked leave to withdraw a proposal "That the Constitution be altered so as to allow membership fee of \$2 to be raised at the discretion of the Committee and that membership fee as from 1931 be \$5."

Mrs. Rogers said her husband had come to the conclusion that the proposal should not be put, but, instead, suggested the words "at least" should be included immediately before the "\$5" so as to indicate that although \$2 was the fee, larger amounts would be accepted and classed as donations.

After some discussion, it was decided that as the constitution called for a definite fee it would be better to have the sum of \$5 definitely fixed and it was not deemed advisable to raise it.

HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

BENJAMIN & POTTS WEEKLY REVIEW.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts' Weekly Share Report dated yesterday states:—

There has been a good demand for investment stocks and prices generally have improved except in a few cases where the liquidation of the Settlement has caused some selling at slightly reduced rates. Banks.—Owing to Exchange fluctuating, Hong Kong & Shanghai Banks have been somewhat erratic throughout the week, sales having been made from \$1.97 1/2 up to \$2.03. There are buyers at the close at \$2.03 and the London price has risen to £112 (Middle).

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions were dealt in to a fair extent at \$10/600 and more can be placed at \$1025. Cantons have been very strong and buyers have raised their price to \$1.375 without meeting with any response. Hong Kong Fire were bid up to \$1.545. China Fires are wanted at \$355 and Underwriters at \$3.60.

Shipping.—Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboats are in demand at \$50. Douglas Steamships are obtainable at \$25. Waterboats were done at \$37.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Sales were reported of Whampoa Docks at \$30 and \$31, but the demand has since been satisfied. Kowloon Wharves were negotiated at \$170 at the opening and there are buyers at the close at \$101 ex the dividend of \$9 paid yesterday. China Providents, despite the declaration of a dividend of 10 cents, have weakened and the Old shares are on offer at \$5.15. New Engineering were sold to the North at \$11.55. Shanghai Docks at \$11.10 and Hongkong Wharves at \$11.274 continue in request at quotations.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong Kong Lands were realised at \$84 and \$85. Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels have changed hands to a considerable extent at \$12.50/\$12.55, the market closing firm. Humphreys Estates are on offer at \$10.50 on rights. Realty were placed at \$8.50.

Public Utilities.—Business was recorded in Hong Kong Electric at \$90 and \$91; since then the dividend of \$2.50 has been paid and there are buyers at \$78. Transactions were made in Hong Kong Trams at \$17.60 and \$17.70. "Star" Ferries are enquired for at \$88. China Lights, owing to forced sales for the Settlement, have displayed further weakness and were placed to a fair extent down to \$24, but the market has since rallied and transactions were effected at \$24.40. Telephones (partly paid) continue their upward movement and after sales at \$24, close with buyers at \$24. The fully paid shares are also higher at \$44.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cement (Combined) are a trifle easier with sales made at \$18.30 ex dividend. Hong Kong Ropes are in request at \$13.50. Watsons have slipped to a nominal quotation of \$12.50 ex the dividend of 75 cents just paid. China Entertainments under an unsatisfied enquiry have appreciated to a buying quotation of \$18. Dairy Farms were negotiated at \$24 1/2 ex the dividend of \$1.50 just paid. Malabons are quoted \$30 nominal ex the dividend of \$2.50. Constructions at \$5.40 have not moved. Hong Kong Government Loan is on offer at 6 per cent. premium.

Mining.—Venezuela Goldfields can be placed at \$3.60. The London price has advanced to 3/9. There are enquiries for Benguet at \$10. Raube are on offer at \$38 ex the dividend of 1/2.

Cotton Mills.—Ewon eased off early in the week to \$14.30, but there has since been a recovery in the price to \$14.00, business having been done at intervening rates. Shanghai Cottons are in demand at \$14.90. Zong Sings are easier at \$12.12.

Rubber.—The London price for the raw material is 3 13/16d. per lb. The following are the latest cabled quotations received from Shanghai:—

Anglo-Javas	.....	Tls. 6.50
Anglo-Dutch	.....	2.50
Batu Anams	.....	0.85
Chemors	.....	1.45
Consolidated	.....	1.30
Kroevocks	.....	0.70
Repahs	.....	0.90
Tanah Merahs	.....	1.45
Tebongs	.....	4.75
Ziangbes	.....

COMPANY REPORT.

The Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

The gross profit on working for the year ending December 31, 1931, is \$481,201.82.

The amount brought forward from last year was \$121,995.83. Add—transfer from reserve 200,000.00.

\$321,995.83.

After deducting interest, etc., Crown rents, insurance, Directors' and Auditors' fees (Continued at foot of next column.)

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

8.50 a.m.	D. S. Edward and W. J. S. Key.
9.00	C. B. Riggs and J. B. Lanyon.
9.04	T. S. Marshall and E. J. Price.
9.10	Not to be booked after train arrives.
9.30	W. Clerk and R. Young.
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9.48	R. M. Henderson and J. M. Walker.
9.52	W. S. Hillier and H. Hampton.
9.50	W. N. A. Smalley and E. D. Matthews.
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10.08	J. K. Richardson and P. S. Grant.
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10.16	E. J. Munro and I. W. Shawan.
10.20	F. C. Young and H. S. V. Messop.
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10.32	H. U. Ireland and D. J. Gilmore.
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11.04	J. L. Shollehear and A. Redmond.
11.08	F. Groves and J. Barker.
11.12	R. H. Wild and J. Collis.
11.16	J. R. Hinton and O. C. Marton.
11.20	T. Low and J. O. Campbell.
11.24	C. I. Bowker and J. Forbes.
11.28	K. S. Robertson and Morrison.
11.36	K. S. Morrison and G. More.
11.40	W. R. Vallance and O. Brown.
11.44	A. Reid and D. S. Rob.
11.48	W. C. Shields and J. Littlejohn.
11.52	G. H. M. Andrew and J. R. Wolfe.
11.56	M. St. J. Walsh and H. E. Conter.
12.00 noon	W. C. Clark and I. Allison.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 22nd Mar.	9 a.m.
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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"NANNING"	On 22nd Mar.	5 p.m.
FOOCHOW, SHANGHAI, S'HAU, NEWCHANG & DALNY	"LIANGHONG"	On 23rd Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 24th Mar.	Noon
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHINHUA"	On 24th Mar.	Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 25th Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 27th Mar.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"KINGYUAN"	On 27th Mar.	Noon
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 27th Mar.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 28th Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 28th Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 28th Mar.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN"	On 31st Mar.	9 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAINAN"	On 1st Apr.	5 p.m.
FOOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 3rd Apr.	4 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 11th Apr.	Noon

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STATION	MARCH 19, 1931.										MARCH 20, 1931.									
	Barom.	Therm.	Wind	Cloud	Humid.	Dir.	Force	Temp.	Wind	Cloud	Barom.	Therm.	Wind	Cloud	Humid.	Dir.	Force	Temp.	Wind	Cloud
Wladivostok	30.28	76.5	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.20	76.0	SE	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	30.29	76.0	SW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.12	76.0	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hakodate	30.30	76.5	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	76.0	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokyo	30.30	76.5	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	76.0	WSW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kobe	30.18	76.5	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.12	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	30.18	76.5	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.12	76.0	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	30.15	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.10	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	30.14	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	30.12	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	30.18	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.10	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	30.06	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.21	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	29.98	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.14	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	30.08	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	77.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guangzhou	30.22	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wenchow	30.17	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.05	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Foochow	30.03	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	30.07	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	30.05	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.07	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	30.12	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.05	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taipei	30.11	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	30.09	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.99	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshu	30.08	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.02	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	30.10	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.01	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	30.01	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	30.02	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	30.01	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.96	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	29.96	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.96	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratt's Island	29.96	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.96	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	29.96	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.96	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	29.92	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.92	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	29.93	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.91	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pasco	29.91	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.91	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aparri	29.85	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.91	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	29.86	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.91	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	29.86	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.91	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	29.86	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.90	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	29.87	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	29.87	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	29.85	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boho	29.85	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	29.85	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	29.87	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.97	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Batavia	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.97	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.88	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.90	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.84	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.89	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.83	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.81	76.5	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

March 20. 10A. 23m.—An anticyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia. A depression is shown to the S.E. of Wladivostok. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 3.89 inches, against an average of 4.83 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON MARCH 21.

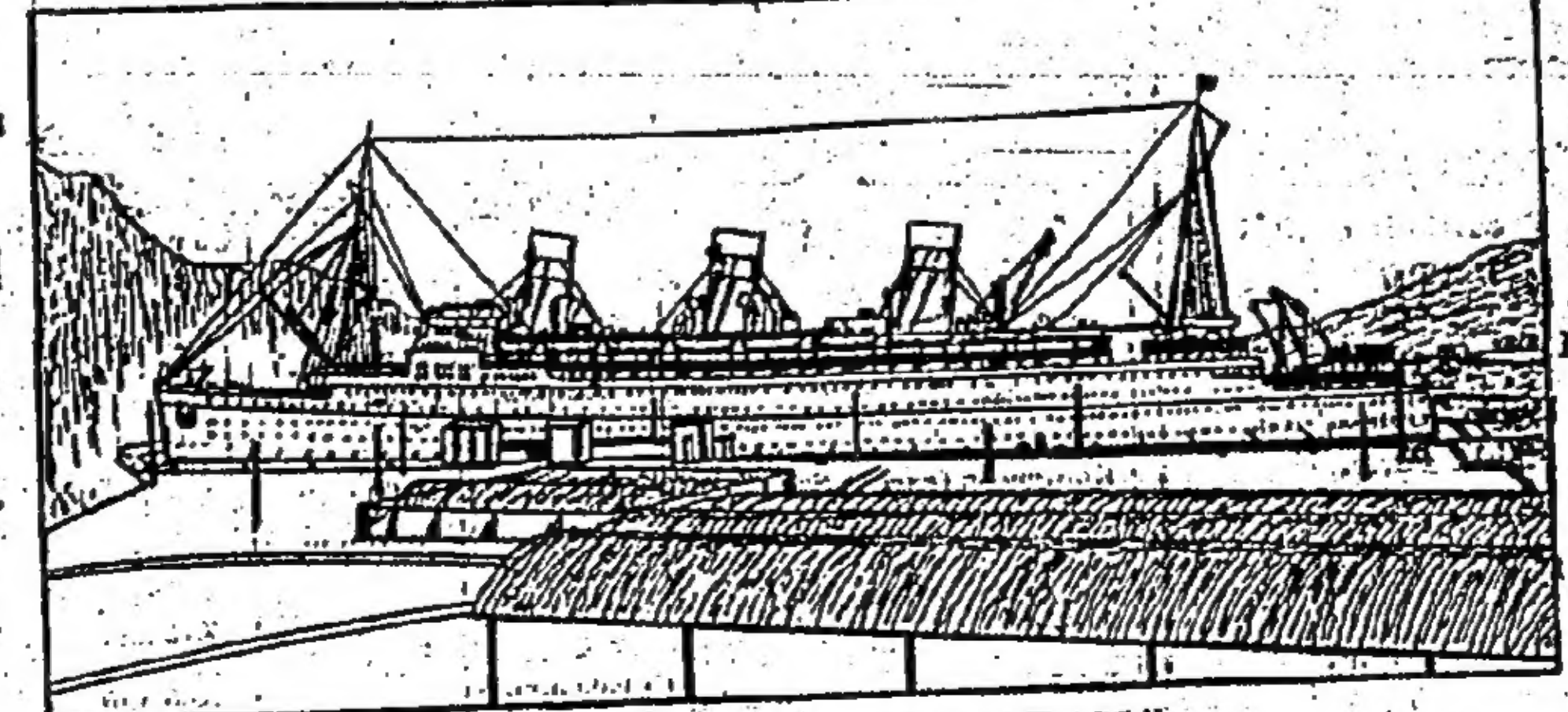
- 1.—Formosa Channel N.E. winds, moderate; overcast.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

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TAIPEI via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Sun., 29th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"KWONGSANG"	Wed., 25th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"CHAKSANG"	Sun., 29th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"FOOSHING"	Wed., 1st Apr., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Thurs., 26th Mar., at 8 p.m.
	"KUTSANG"	Tues., 7th Apr., at 8 p.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Mon., 20th Apr., at 8 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, S'HAU & KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Tues., 31st Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"KUMSANG"	Fri., 17th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, S'HAU, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 25th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Satur., 25th Apr., at 7 a.m.

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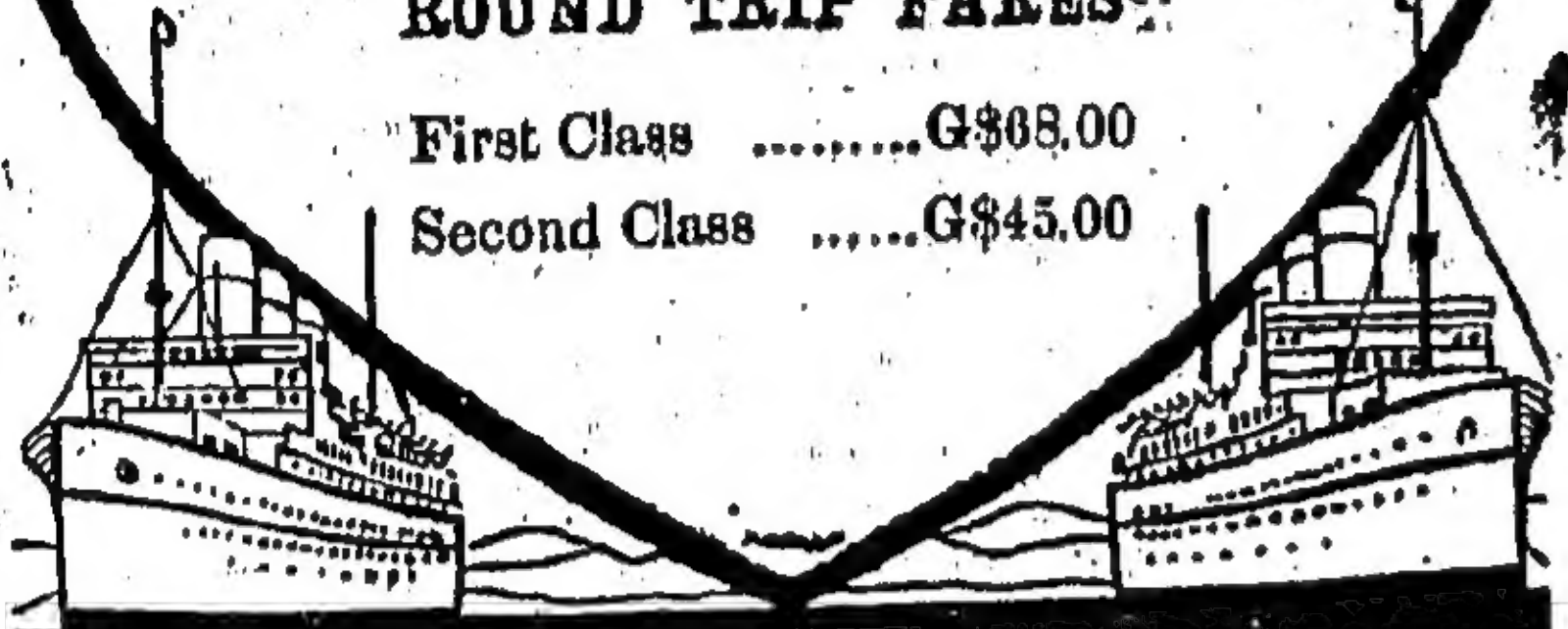
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ATSUTA MARU ... 28th March ... 31st April

MANILA.

SHINYO MARU ... Sunday ... 22nd March

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

↑ GENOA MARU ... Friday ... 27th March

↑ TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday ... 30th March

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

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BOKUYO MARU ... Wednesday ... 22nd April

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↑ TOBA MARU ... Tuesday ... 31st March

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↑ LYMA MARU ... Monday ... 12th April

↑ CALOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

↑ MONIHOA MARU ... Saturday ... 29th March

↑ MOKIHOA MARU ... Wednesday ... 8th April

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The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

British	Through	Port
Soudan	500	1,200
Eurylocus	25	700
Liangchow	410	390
Kanchow	—	—
Nanning	320	780
Yatsing	—	177
Chenau	120	—

American

Invincible ... 00 ... 8,700

German

Ermland ... 910 ... 2,713

Norwegian

Corneville ... 1,625 ... 1,375

Swatow ... 400 ... 1,635

Japanese

Nito Maru ... 863 ... 8,448

Madras Maru ... 630 ... 3,150

Suma Maru ... 32 ... 7,035

Shanghai ... 934 ... 18,631

Chinese

China Lee ... 200 ... 200

Shun Lee ... 125 ... 853

Swatow ... 125 ... 1,033

5,028 36,045

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	8	5
German	1	0
Norwegian	2	0
Japanese	3	0
Chinese	3	2
Dutch	0	1
	18	10

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels, brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Tak Hing (Chinese) Antau ... 37

CLEARANCES.

Chien Lee, for Chefoo.
Ermland, for Moji.
Eurylocus, for Singapore.
Goahu Maru, for Singapore.
Haiching, for Singapore.
Haiching, for Amoy.
Invincible, for Panama.
Kanchow Maru, for Takao.
Kanchow, for Tientsin.
Kwongshang, for Canton.
Liangchow, for Canton.
Limchow, for Hoihow.
Nanning, for Canton.
Sawa Maru, for Singapore.
Shun Lee, for Canton.
Tai Ping Yang, for Manila.

ARRIVALS.

March 19.

Chuanan, British str., 1,337 tons, Capt. Kettlewell, from Canton, Taikoo Dock—B. & S.
Defiance, American str., 4,898 tons, Capt. A. Olsen, from Shanghai, Anchorage—L. Everett, Inc.
Ermland, German str., 3,897 tons, Capt. H. Engel, from Manila, buoy No. A12—Johnson & Co.
Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Amoy, buoy No. B14—B. & S.
Nanning, British str., 1,480 tons, Capt. C. Carrington, from Amoy, buoy No. B10—B. & S.
Tai Po, French str., 1,210 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N.—Wharf—Wo Hop & Co.
Yusho Maru, Japanese str., 290 tons, Capt. H. Hamaoka, from Moji, buoy No. C3—O.S.K.

March 20.

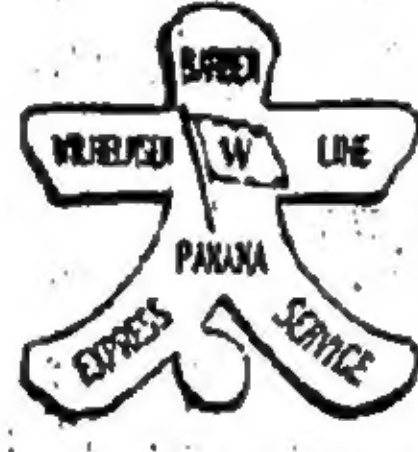
Corneville, Norwegian str., 2,747 tons, Capt. O. Carlsen, from Manila, buoy No. A5—Thoresen & Co.
Emp. of Japan, British str., 15,725 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—C.P.S.
Eurylocus, British str., 3,600 tons, Capt. G. C. Reed, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2—B. & S.
Haiching, Norwegian str., 1,415 tons, Capt. O. S. Olsen, from Swatow, buoy No. C3—Thoresen & Co.
Invincible, American str., 7,562 tons, Capt. F. Ustard, from Manila via Cebu, buoy No. A8—L. Everett, Inc.
Kanchow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. R. H. Fairley, from Canton, buoy No. B6—B. & S.
Kwongshang, British str., 1,420 tons, Capt. A. B. Omond, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—J. M. & Co.
(Continued on next column.)

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The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:

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Docks—Kowloon: Susanna II, Pronto, Prosper, Taihook: Kuei-chow, Shun Chih, Senan Maru; Coamopolitan: Corato.
Buoys—A2, Eurylocus; A3, Ixion; A4, Tjondari; A5, Cornet; A6, Suwa Maru; A7, Tai-ping; A8, Invincible; A9, Hiye Maru; A12, Ermland; A10, Pear Maru; B1, Yatsing; B2, Cheung-shing; B3, Wong Shek Kung; B9, Kanchow; B14, Liangchow; B15, Kalgan; B16, Nanning; B17, Shun Lee; B18, Chin Lee; B20, Chin-hua; B22, Tinhow; B27, Nishin Maru; B28, Apoc; C1, Helios; C2, Tetsuzan Maru; C3, Haiching; C5, Borneo; C7, Nitaka Maru; C8, Wozai Maru.

Limchow, French str., 1,591 tons, Capt. P. B. Morgan, from Canton, buoy No. A10—Sing Kee & Co.
Malay Maru, Japanese str., 2,252 tons, Capt. Akatagawa, from Sakito, buoy No. B23—M.S.K.
Nordvard, Norwegian str., 2,253 tons, Capt. Larsen, from Swatow, Kowloon Wharf—Thoresen & Co.
Shinyo Maru, Japanese str., 6,277 tons, Capt. Wada, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.
Shun Lee, Chinese str., 940 tons, Capt. B. Miyake, from Dairen via Swatow, buoy No. B17—Yee Tai Hong.
Suwa Maru, Japanese str., 10,672 tons, Capt. S. Enya, from Yokohama via Shanghai, buoy No. A8—N.Y.K.
Tai Ping Yang, Norwegian str., 3,659 tons, Capt. Anderson, from Shanghai, Laichikok Anchorage—Dodwell & Co.



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"RAWALPINDI"	16,618	28th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	16,618	1st Apr.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,618	5th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"SOUHAN"	16,618	9th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,618	13th Apr.	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"COMORIN"	16,618	17th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"BURDWAN"	16,618	21st Apr.	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KASHMIR"	16,618	25th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,618	29th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	16,618	3rd May	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,618	7th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"SOUHAN"	16,618	11th May	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,618	15th May	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"COMORIN"	16,618	19th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"BURDWAN"	16,618	23rd May	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KASHMIR"	16,618	27th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,618	31st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	16,618	4th June	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,618	8th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"SOUHAN"	16,618	12th June	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,618	16th June	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"COMORIN"	16,618	20th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"BURDWAN"	16,618	24th June	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KASHMIR"	16,618	28th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,618	1st July	Marseilles and London.

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"SANTHA"	7,754	2nd Apr.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	14th Apr.	do.
"TAKADA"	9,948	3rd May	do.
"SIRDHANA"	7,745	13th May	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	27th May	do.
"SANTHA"	7,754	18th June	do.

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"NELLORE"	6,558	1st May	do.
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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALMA"	10,000	25th Mar. D.I.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,618	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama.
"KIDDERPOSE"	6,234	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,558	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"KALYAN"	9,114	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"TAKADA"	9,948	11th Apr.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"BURDWAN"	16,618	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"SIRDHANA"	7,745	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"COMORIN"	16,182	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,000	5th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.

